

Merry Christmas



NEXT GAME DEC. 28

Local Basketball Teams Win District Openers

Guess we're just getting older, here it is another Christmas and it seems like only yesterday that last Christmas was here!

Reckon that time gets shorter the older one gets, we can recall when we were kids that Christmas almost never got here at all!

Tracks would like to take this opportunity to express a sincere Merry Christmas to each and every one of our readers during this season.

We would wish each of you the fondest Christmas ever and hope that yours will be a holiday to remember throughout all time.

This issue is being published early in order that we may spend a few days with relatives downstate. The Star office will be closed this week than open next Monday for the next edition.

The Star office will reopen again on Monday, December 30 and we shall try to print our New Years paper early again because that holiday falls on our regular printing date.

Perhaps we can get back on a regular schedule again after the New Year's Holiday and the Stratford Tourney.

For some reason or the other, we have a group of folks around who get their kicks out of tearing down Christmas decorations.

The latest victim is the decorations in front of the Sherman County Library.

The Stratford Star will offer a \$50 reward for the arrest and conviction of anyone tearing down Christmas decorations. We believe that if folks have the time and inclination to put up these beautiful lights and things others should leave them alone and enjoy them, not tear them down.

We include a story this week about Wayland Brown going to move to Amarillo. Wayland has served as our highway maintenance foreman for the past 21 years and will be replaced by Bill Deutschendorf, who is moving here from Perryton.

We welcome Bill, but we would like to add a word or two about Wayland. Wayland has spoiled all of us with his work during the past 21 years in Stratford.

We would put our highways up against anyone's over the years. When it snows, Wayland and his crew were always working around the clock if need be, to clean off the snow.

We recall many times when you could tell where Wayland's part of the highway stopped and another began by the snow on the road.

We are happy Wayland got a promotion, but we shall miss him. Good luck in your new post and come see us when you can, Wayland.

We include a couple of funnies we swiped this past week... Sign on a Laundromat window: Ladies, Leave All Your Clothes Here and Go Out and Have Fun!... this would keep things booming we bet.

There is a lot of talk going on these days about the telephone company and wire tapping and the like. We saw this story about a man who made a long distance phone call.

Seems the fellow finished his call and the operator came on the line and said... "that will be \$14.77 please!"

"But," the man replied, "I told you to reverse the charges."

"Okay," said the operator, "Then that will be \$77.14."

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Stratford's Elkettes and Elks won three games this week over District 1A opponents, as the Elkettes downed Sunray 84-48 on Tuesday night and Gruver 70-43 on Thursday night.

The Elks were idle Tuesday night but won over the Greyhounds on Thursday night by a 75-49 margin.

Moving into the Christmas Holiday season, both varsity teams will be idle until Saturday, December 28, when they play Texhoma here.

With this week's action the Elkettes stand 14 games won and one loss for the season and 3-0 in district action. The Elks are 10-1 for the season and 1-0 in district play.

Recapping games this week, the Elkettes bounced back in the second half to down Sunray 84-48 after having a rather lackluster first half.

The Elkettes led 14-8 at the end of the first quarter and 32-25 at the half but came back to hit 23 points in the third and 29 in the fourth to bomb Sunray 84-48. Sunray was held to 10 points in the third and 13 in the final stanza.

Cindy Stokes was high scorer for the Elkettes and in the game with 28 points and D'Lynn Brown hit 25 points. Rhonda

Fortenbery got 10 points while Vicki Bell hit 7, Debbie Crawford got 6, and Gina Bass and Dana Kendrick hit for 4 each. Jan Osborn got 23 for Sunray.

In the Gruver game, the Elkettes led 18-8 at the end of the first quarter, 36-16 at the half, 53-27 at the end of three and coasted home with a 70-43 final score.

Three Elkettes scored in double figures with Miss Stokes leading with 21 points followed by Miss Brown with 20 and Miss Kendrick got 14 points. Other forwards scoring included Miss Bass with 9, Miss Crawford got 4 and Miss Bell got a pair.

Yanke was high scorer for the losers with 17 points.

The Elks were idle the first part of the week then got their first district win over Gruver Thursday night with a 75-49 victory.

Three Elks scored in double figures as the Elks led all the way 23-8, 43-22 at the half and 66-37 at the end of three and finished out with a 75-49 win.

Gary Ferguson led the scoring with 15 points followed by Phillip Walden with 14 and Doug Everett with 10. Rick Howard and Darrell Doshier got 8 points each while Steve Coats got 7, Willie Mungia got 6, Mark Beaty got 5 and Will Allen got 2

in the contest.

Dave Bergin was high for Gruver with 14 points.

In Junior Varsity action, the JV Boys downed Gruver 67-31 leading 17-6 at the end of the first stanza, then exploded for 24 points in the second quarter to lead 41-15 at halftime and came back to lead 59-20 at the end of three and coasted in with a 67-31 victory.

Joel Hart was high for the winners with 14 points followed by Jeff Wiley with 11, David Maas got 7, Bill Stroud, Don Harris, and Leon Payne got 6 each, Johnny Ashley got 4

points while RanDee Hudson got 3, and Joe Albert, Leonard Duncan, Jeff Howard and Taylor Johnson all got a pair of points each.

Crawford was high for the losers with 7 points.

The JV Girls split a pair of games this week with a 43-24 win over Sunray JV then lost a heart-breaker to Gruver on Thursday by a score of 27-26.

The JV Girls led Sunray 14-2, 23-13, 31-15 and won 43-24 with Jeanne Engelbrecht hitting for 16 points. Patti Dietrich got 8, Honey Hart hit for 7, Brenda

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Christmas Story Told In Newspaper Style

This Christmas issue of The Stratford Star includes a new approach to the Christmas story. We clipped the stories found on Page 1 of Section II from THE COURIER of Clemmons, N.C.

The Christmas Story is written in modern newspaper style as it may have been done had the Christ Child been born this year.

The stories dramatize the Christmas Story as it may have been reported in the local newspaper of Bethlehem nearly 2,000 years ago.

The purpose of utilizing this manner shows that the Birth of Jesus Christ is an ageless story, one which holds meaning no matter how presented.

We hope you will enjoy this way of telling the news of the Birth of Our Lord.

The stories were researched and prepared by Carolyn Richards, society editor of the Valley Press in Palmdale, California, four years ago and we present it for your information. We urge you to save this feature page for future reference.

EDITOR

Special Events At Several Local Churches

Local churches have special services scheduled this week in keeping with the Christmas spirit.

The First Baptist Church will hold their Children's Christmas Program and Christmas Tree on Christmas Eve at 7 p.m.

The First United Methodist Church will have a special Christmas Eve Program on December 24 beginning at 7 p.m.

Services at St. Joseph's Catholic Church will include a Midnight Mass on Christmas Eve and Masses at 9 and 11 a.m. on Christmas Day.

An "old-fashioned" Christmas program is on slate at the First Christian Church on Christmas Eve at 6 p.m.

All are invited to attend and enjoy the services for the holiday season.

Sherman Imp. Opens New Texline Office

Sherman Implement Company, Stratford's area John Deere dealer, opened their new service center at Texline last weekend holding an Open House in the new facility.

The new John Deere Service Center is located on the south edge of Texline with Bill Stone serving as manager. Bones Keener and James McKay are the mechanics who will be working at the new facility.

"We are happy to be able to serve our customers in the Texline and adjoining areas with our new Service Center," said E.R. Bell, Sherman Implement Company manager. "We urge everyone to stop by and visit our new facility when they are in that area," he added.

Sherman Implement Company's headquarters operation is located in Stratford east on Highway 54.

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Brown Reassigned To Amarillo THD



WAYLAND BROWN

Wayland Brown, Sherman County highway maintenance foreman has been promoted to the Amarillo District Office of the Texas Highway Department, and a Perryton man has been named to the Stratford post, announced A.L. McKee, District Engineer.

Brown, who has served as maintenance foreman in Stratford since 1954, effective January 1, 1975, will be assigned the duties of maintenance construction superintendent and work out of the district office.

McKee said Bill Deutschendorf, a Highway Department maintenance employee in Perryton, will replace Brown. In his new position, Brown

will be assigned liaison duties between the district office and a section assigned to him. Brown's section will include Dallam, Hartley, Oldham, Deaf Smith, Randall, Potter, Moore and Sherman counties.

"I hate to leave Stratford," Brown said. "There are a lot of good people here who have been wonderful to me."

Brown first worked for the Texas Highway Department in 1942 at Borger. He served with the U.S. Army from 1944 to 1946 and spent most of his military duty at Ft. McClelland, Ala.

He later worked for the Highway Department in Amarillo and Canyon before moving to Stratford.

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County State's Sixth Wheat Producer

Sherman County was the state's sixth-leading wheat producing county for the 1973-74 growing season, according to Agriculture Commissioner John C. White.

Sherman County farmers accounted for 1,592,000 of the state's 52,800,000 bushels of wheat.

Citing the 1974 Texas Small Grains Statistics, recently published by the Texas Crop and Livestock Reporting Service, White pointed out that despite the county's high standing in state totals, production figures were at their lowest level in many years.

Nationally, Texas ranked 14th in oat production, 20th in barley, 12th in wheat, 12 in rye and fourth in flax for the '73-74 season. But White also pointed out that production figures were lower across the board, with the exception of flax.

Calendar of Events

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 24 6 p.m. Old Fashioned Christmas program at Christian Church 7 p.m. Children's Christmas program at Baptist Church 7 p.m. Christmas Eve program at Methodist Church 12 Midnight Mass at St. Joseph's Catholic Church WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 25 MERRY CHRISTMAS 9 and 11 a.m. Christmas Masses at St. Joseph's Catholic Church SATURDAY, DECEMBER 28 4 p.m. A and B boys and girls vs Texhoma here Crowning of Basketball Queen and King between games TUESDAY, DECEMBER 31 8 p.m. New Year's Eve buffet at Country Club 9 p.m. New Year's Eve Dance at Country Club

Amarilloians In Wreck On Sunday

An Amarillo man and his family escaped serious injury last Sunday night when their auto hit a utility pole at 9th and Popular Streets cutting the pole off at the ground and totaling the small station wagon.

Iman Crawford and his family, his wife and three youngsters all from Amarillo, were headed south on Highway 287 late Sunday night when Crawford apparently went to sleep and the small station wagon hit the light pole adjacent to the bus barns in the north part of Stratford.



SANTA CLAUS AT THE BANK--Old Saint Nick was a busy fellow all day Friday at the First State Bank of Stratford. As has become the custom of the bank, colored polaroid photos were taken of the young visitors as they sat in Santa's lap and Photographer Marylou McDaniel said they took over 200 colored photos during the visit. This group was visiting with Santa after 5 p.m. on Friday.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 26, 1974



ELVES AT CHRISTMAS PROGRAM--The Elves at the Fourth Grade Christmas Program, held last Thursday night at the Mary Allen Elementary School are shown with Mrs. Lorraine Mehner, public school music teacher. The two Elves are Dana, left and Jana Reed, twin daughters of Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Reed.

OBITUARIES

Richard Campbell

Graveside rites for Richard Dean Campbell, 2-day old son of Mr. and Mrs. Danny Campbell of Stratford, were conducted Saturday morning in the Washburn Cemetery.

The Rev. Delbert Seiratt, pastor of the Claude First Baptist Church, officiated. Arrangements were by Boxwell Funeral Directors in Amarillo.

The baby, born Tuesday at the family home in Stratford,

died Thursday afternoon in Northwest Texas Hospital in Amarillo.

Survivors, besides his parents, include a brother, a sister, grandparents and a great-grandmother.

The family requests that memorials be sent to the Richard Dean Campbell Fund, set up at the First State Bank of Stratford, to be used to aid in the treatment and research of children's blood diseases in Oklahoma City.

Clenching or grinding teeth during sleep contributes to loosening even healthy teeth in their sockets.

Annual Tourney Slated Jan 2-3-4 At Stratford

The 44th Annual Stratford Invitational Basketball Tournament will be held here next week on January 2-3-4, announced David Bornstein, athletic director.

This year's tournament will begin on Thursday morning, Jan. 2, at 10 a.m. with the Dalhart and Gruver girls and the finals will be held on Saturday with the Girl's Championship at

7:30 p.m. and Boy's Championship at 9 p.m.

Teams in this year's tournament include boys and girls teams from Dalhart, Gruver, Channing, Texhoma, Sunray, Hartley, Texline and Stratford.

The Stratford Elkettes are defending Girls Champions, a title they have held for the past 13 consecutive years. The Dalhart Wolves are the defending Boy's Champions.

Top seeded teams this year will be the Channing Eagles in the Boys Division and the Stratford Elkettes in the Girls Division of play.

The tournament is one of the oldest on the High Plains and attracts some of the finest action in the area.

DENTAL FACTS

Patients tend to associate periodontal diseases with aging, but in some university clinics, dentists see children with periodontal problems as young as nine and ten years old.

BROWN

He attended Amarillo public schools and Hereford High School.

Brown and his wife, Betty, have a daughter, Mrs. Carla Oneta Hall of Amarillo, and a grandson, Chase. He is a member of First Baptist Church of Stratford.

Deutschendorf was employed in the Ochiltree County maintenance department for 15 years before he began to work for the Highway Department in July 1968 in Perryton.

He teaches a Highway Department defensive driving course and has taught equipment preventive maintenance. He has been a motor grader operator for several years.

"I'm glad for the opportunity," says Deutschendorf of his new position. "I hope to keep up the good work of Mr. Brown."

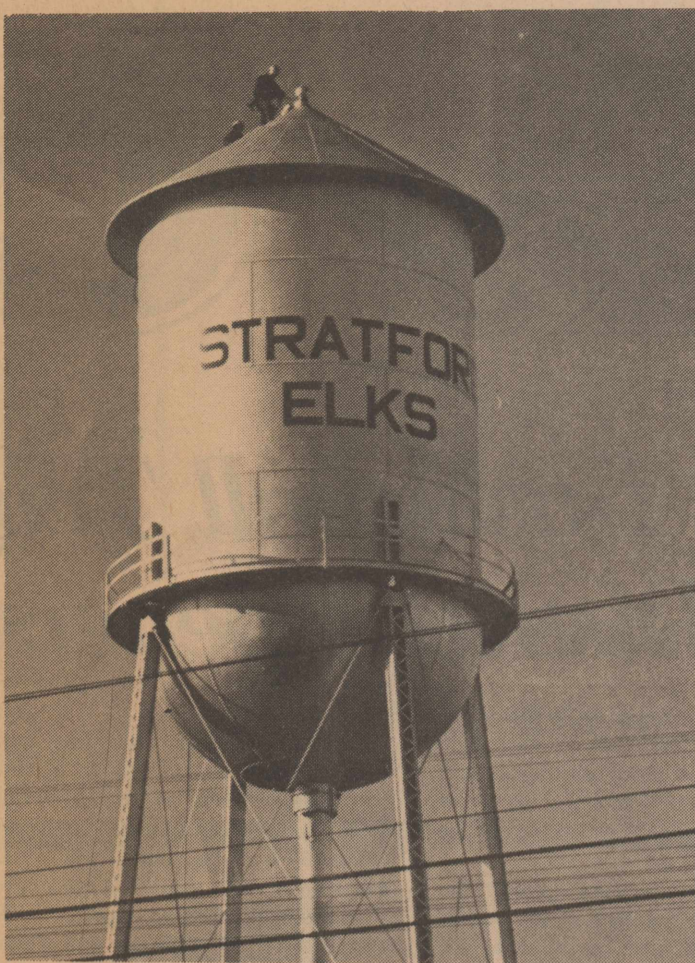
He and his wife, Eda Lou, have two daughters, Mrs. Bill Taylor of Lubbock and Mrs. David Trew of McLean, a son, Jim Deutschendorf of Perryton, and two grandchildren. They are members of the Baptist Church.

BASKETBALL

Hawkins got 6, Carrie Cummings got 4 and Blynn Donelson hit for a pair in the game. Hutchison was high for Sunray with 13 points.

Thursday night the JV Girls were down 8-2, 15-7, 23-21 and lost 27-26 to Gruver.

Miss Engelbrecht was high for Stratford JV with 16 while Miss Cummings hit 15 and Miss Dietrich hit one. Hold was heading scorer for Gruver with 14 points.



PAINTING THE TANK--Two workmen were busy last week putting the finishing touches atop the huge City of Stratford water tank downtown. The newly painted tank looks a lot better with the "Stratford Elks" painted on the side than all the classes, initials and the like which used to adorn the tank.

TRACKS

We will leave you this Christmas with this thought... "Never put off until tomorrow what you can do the day after!"

Weather has been cool, and the weatherman says we have a chance for snow this week.

Commodity prices at local markets this Monday show wheat selling for \$4.45 to \$4.65 per bushel, grain sorghum selling for \$4.90 to \$5.00 per cwt and corn selling for \$3.03 to \$3.15 per bushel.

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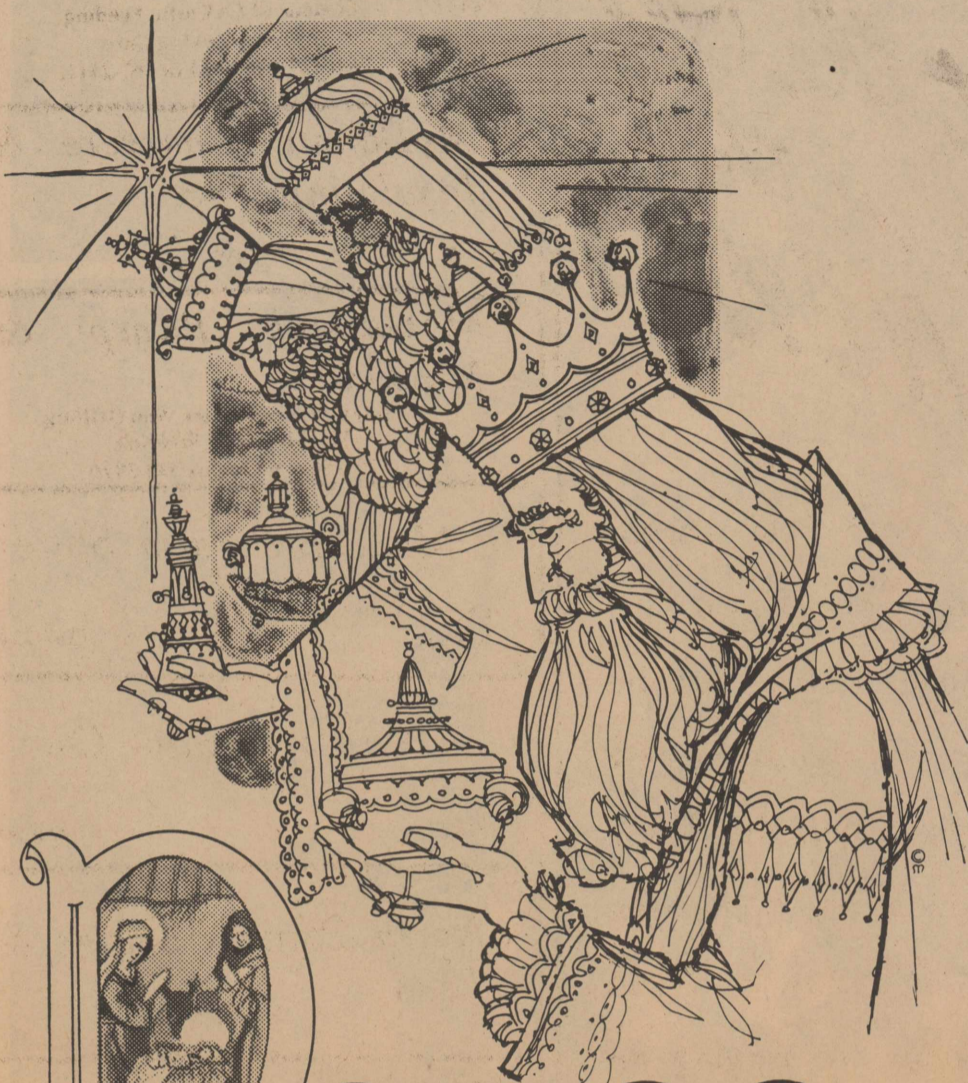
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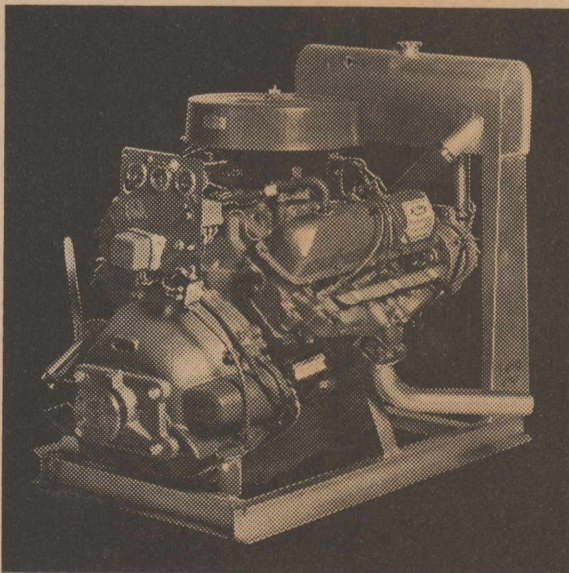
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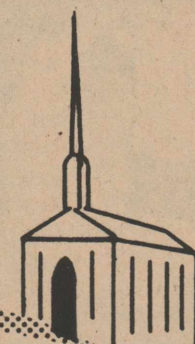
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GRANNY SHOWER HONORS ELIZABETH PEERY: A surprise Granny Shower was held last week in conjunction with the United Methodist Women's Christmas Buffet with the Grandmother of Rusty Peery, Jr. having the fun of opening his gifts. Over 40 enjoyed the Christmas program, then seeing J. Frank Peery, left, Elizabeth Peery, their daughter Patsy Kidwell, her husband Bruce and granddaughter, Elizabeth, assisting. Little Elizabeth had as much fun as anyone!

Society

OES Dignitary Makes Visit To Stratford

Mrs. Marjorie Errington, Deputy Grand Matron, Dist. 2, Sec. 2, Order of the Eastern Star, made an official visit to Stratford Chapter No. 960 Dec. 17. The meeting was preceded by a covered dish supper with 33 present.

Other Grand Officers attending were Mrs. Robbie Yates, Past Grand Matron; Mrs. Faye Carver, member, Trail Blazers Comm.; and J.T. Carver, Masonic Bros. Comm. The Carvers are members of A.E. Shirley No. 986, Amarillo.

Also coming from Amarillo were Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Hancock, and Mrs. Louie Vogel, Mrs. Leah Roth, and Ross Errington.

Mrs. Effington presented greetings and instructions from the Worthy Grand Matron, Mrs. Patricia Neinst of Dallas.

Presiding were Mrs. Marylou McDaniel, Worthy Matron and J.W. Smith, Worthy Patron.



TOOL/SHOP SHOWER SURPRISES MOONS: The Donald Moon family were surprised with a Tool/Shop Shower by friends and neighbors Saturday night at the annual Christmas program at Kerrick. Daughters Barbara, left, and Donna, third left, were present for the occasion.



POST NUPTIAL SHOWER HONOREE--Mrs. Mike Gallo nee LuAnn Sherrrod, center, was honored with a bridal shower Monday, December 16 in the home of Mrs. V.O. Lasley. Shown with Mrs. Gallo is her niece, Casey Cathey, her mother, Mrs. Billy Turner and Mrs. Pat Stevens, Mr. Gallo's mother.

Kerrick News

by Mrs. Fred McDaniel

Santa arrived Saturday night at Kerrick with gifts for the young ones, treats for all, and a surprise tool and shop shower for the Donald Moon family! It was just one or two short of 125 persons who heard a Christmas play, poems, songs and coronet solos.

The play, entitled "It's Christmas All Over the World", starred Joe Bill and Kerry Boren, Kelly, Melvin and Randy Irlbeck, Kim Gruver, Jennifer Wells, Annette Hampton, Holly Stanley, Lance and Julie Willard.

Poems were by Melvin Irlbeck and Annette Hampton; a duet by Annette and Jennifer Wells and coronet solos by Julie and Jay Willard. Santa arrived after group carol singing.

After the Santa gifts were distributed, the Don Moon family were asked to come forward for a tool and shop shower by friends. Their daughters, Donna and Barbara were also home for the holidays and shared in the excitement. The Moons had recently lost all their tools and equipment in a fire.

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Mr. and Mrs. Eddie Moon and son, Greg, have been visiting her parents in Austin for the holidays.

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Fred McDaniel and Jim Brewster went to Denver Sunday by bus, then returned Tuesday with Mike McDaniel who will be home thru Sunday.

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Stanley Gruver has returned to the East Coast after being here with his parents, the Bubby Gruvers, for a leave.

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Mrs. Patricia Eggers, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J.C. Robinson, had major surgery in Guymon last week. She is reported recovering as well as could be expected.

Embroidery Club Exchanges Gifts

Mrs. Glen Reed was hostess for the Embroidery Club meeting held December 12 when all those present exchanged Christmas Gifts.

Refreshments were served following the gift exchange to Mrs. R.C. Buckles, Retta Butler, Mrs. B.I. Crutchfield, Bernice Dortch, Mrs. Horace Sneed, Mrs. R.C. Reeder, Sam Wholford, Glenna Seigman, G.L. Taylor, Node Kidwell, Russell Garrison, and Mrs. Nora Ramey.



HELLO WORLD

Mr. and Mrs. Don Denham of Amarillo are the proud parents of an 8 lb. 2 oz. boy, Shawn Lee, born December 18, 1974 at High Plains Hospital in Amarillo.

Maternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Donoho of Paducah, Kentucky and paternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Byford Denham of Mt. Vernon, Illinois.

Two Receive RN Degrees

Word was received from Austin this week that Doreen Engelbrecht of Amarillo, former Stratford resident, and Mrs. Raymond White of Stratford have both passed their state board and received their RN degrees.

Mrs. White is employed at Guymon Memorial Hospital in Guymon and Doreen is employed at High Plains Hospital in Amarillo.

Enrollment Set At PSU Jan. 8

Spring enrollment at Panhandle State University has been set for Tuesday, January 7 and classes will start on Wednesday, January 8, according to Jack Begley, registrar. Enrollment will be held in the Student Union Ballroom from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Students enrolling should report to the registrar's office for a permit and then report to their advisors in the ballroom. After students have completed their schedule and have their

adviser's approval, they will then report to the registrar's table for check out and then to the business office to pay their fees.

The A C T test will be administered at 1:00 p.m. on Monday, January 6 in room 127 Hamilton Hall.

Students enrolling for the first time should submit to the registrar an application for admission, medical form, transcript and A C T test results. The last day to enroll is January 22.

For further information, contact the Office of the Registrar, Panhandle State University, Goodwell, Oklahoma 73939.

Lions Club Finishing Drive For Girlstown

Stratford Lions Club members are finishing up their annual fund drive for benefit of Grilstown, Lions Crippled Children's Camp and the Robbie Emerson Fund, announced Bill Riffe, drive chairman.

"We have had some fine response from area residents this year," Riffe said; "however, we have not hit the goal we set a year ago," he added. "Anyone wishing to donate to these worthy causes may do so by contacting any member of the Lions Club, or by calling Joe Wells or Arthur Judd," said Riffe.

"We would like to thank everyone who has participated in our drive this year and extend our best wishes for your interest," said Riffe.

A Card of Thanks with a list of this year's donors can be found in this issue of The Star.

CHRIST'S BIRTHDAY

How many observe Christ's birthday! How few, his precepts! O! 'tis easier to keep holidays than commandments.

— Benjamin Franklin

Post Nuptial Shower Fetes Mrs. Galla

Mrs. Mike Galla, nee LuAnn Sherrrod, was honored on Monday evening, December 16, with a post nuptial shower in the home of Mrs. V.O. Lasley.

The honoree was assisted in opening her gifts by her mother, Mrs. Billy Turner and her mother-in-law, Mrs. Pat Stevens

Guests were served cake, hot spiced apple cider, coffee, nuts and mints with silver appointments from a table hosting a red linen cloth centered with an arrangement of red and white cut flowers and holly.

Hostesses for the event included Mesdames: V.O. Lasley, Georgana Cearley, Sam James, Doug Cathey, C.H. Wisdom, Joe Cluck, Al Hacker, Cecil Borth, Darrell Cotney, Bill Reed, Kenneth Wells, and E.R. Bell.

The Welsh say that if the marigold does not open its petals before seven it will rain or thunder that day.

Mrs. Marjorie Pilch
and
Mr. Glenn Slaton
invite you to witness and celebrate
the union of their children
Andrea
and
Russell
in the Holy Sacrament of Matrimony
on Saturday, December twenty eighth
nineteen hundred and seventy four
at ten o'clock a.m.
St. Joseph's Church
Stratford, Texas

Reception following
at the Country Club

KEEPING WATCH

As did the shepherds many centuries ago... we keep

watch as the moment draws near to celebrate the

time of The Star and The Manger. We hope

this Christmas brings contentment

and peace... and joy beyond meas-

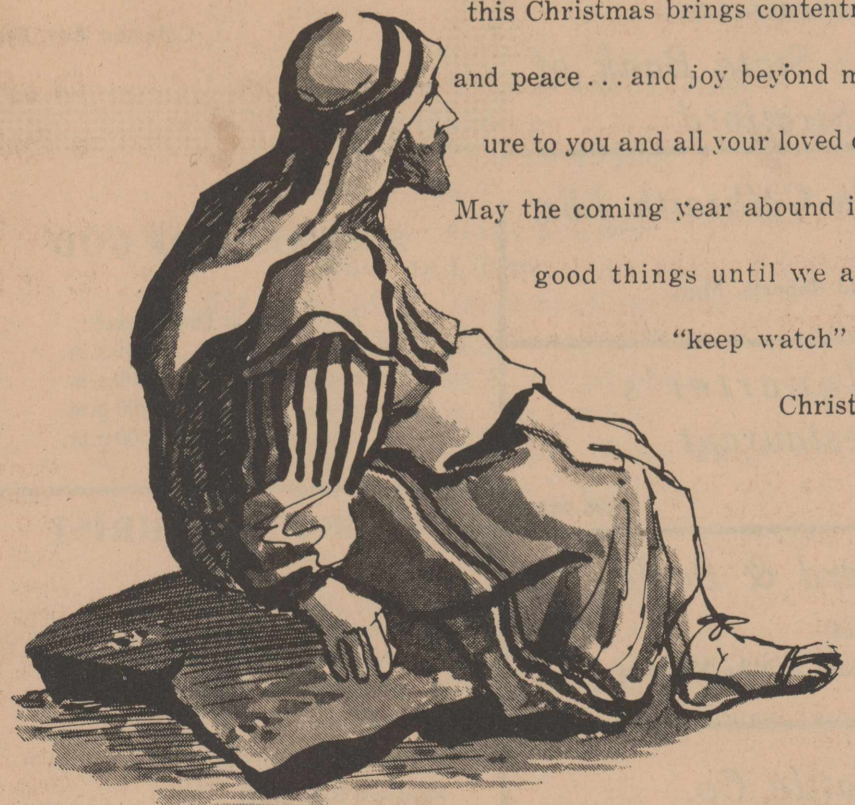
ure to you and all your loved ones.

May the coming year abound in all

good things until we again

"keep watch" next

Christmas.



Merry Christmas

JA's AND LuANN's

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A Greeting Drawn from Other Days

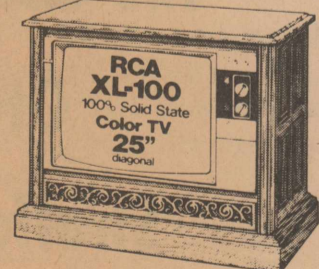
As you gather 'round the tree, may each moment be filled with the Old-Fashioned cheer and happiness of Christmas. May the entire season be one of fulfillment and contentment for you.

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Moisture Total For 1974 Told

August totaled 7.70 inches with the next largest amount falling in June with 2.38 inches. October contributed 1.96 inches with April giving up 1.15 inches and September with 1.04 inches.

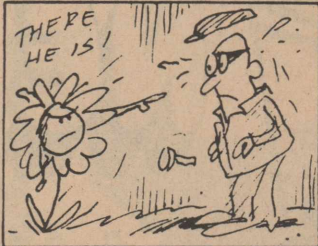
By months, the totals for 1974 are as follows:

- January .40
- February .06
- March .93
- April .15
- May .15
- June 2.38
- July .91
- August 7.70
- September 1.04

Stratford's moisture for the year totaled 16.83 inches, according to Weatherman Horace Sneed, which is about average for the area.

However, almost half of the amount fell in the month of August with the remainder spread over the other 11 months.

October 1.96
November .15
December .1



At one time it was believed that marigolds would reveal a robber to his victim.

Cook of Week



COOK OF WEEK—Mrs. Rory (Patsy) Thomas is a dispatcher for the Sherman County Sheriff's Office and our cook this week. The Thomases have lived in Stratford since February moving here from Colorado.

A Colorado Native

Mrs. Rory (Patsy) Thomas is our cook for this week. They have lived here nearly a year, coming here in February from Arvada, Colorado.

Patsy is a dispatcher for the sheriff's office in Stratford and Rory is employed by the City of Stratford as a policeman.

Patsy attended high school at Aurora Central in Aurora, Colorado and met her husband when they were both attending college at Rockmont College in Lakewood, Colorado.

They are members of the First Baptist Church.

Patsy says that she doesn't have much spare time with her job but does enjoy reading and embroidery work.

Our cook's recipes include a Pumpkin Bread, which is good for this time of year; a recipe for Meat Loaf; Fudge, which she says is "very fattening" and Sugar Jumbles.

PUMPKIN BREAD

- 3 1/3 c. sifted flour
- 2 t. soda
- 1 1/2 t. salt
- 1 1/2 t. cinnamon
- 1 t. cinnamon
- 1 t. nutmeg
- 3 c. sugar

- 1 c. salad oil
- 4 eggs
- 2 c. pumpkin
- 1 c. nuts, optional

Combine all ingredients into a bowl and beat until smooth. Pour into loaf pans, filling pans only 3/4 full. Bake at 350 degrees until inserted toothpick comes out clean, about 50 minutes.

MEAT LOAF

- 1 lb. hamburger
 - 1 diced onion
 - 1 egg
 - 2 sweet pickles
 - salt to taste
 - 1 #2 1/2 can tomatoes, save the juice
 - oatmeal
- Combine everything except the oatmeal. Add enough oatmeal to make it of firm consistency. Form into a loaf. Pour tomato juice over top and bake as usual. Bake at 350 degrees for about one hour.

FUDGE

- 3 c. sugar
- 2/3 c. evaporated milk
- 1 c. margarine
- 12 oz. pkg. semi-sweet chocolate pieces

1 large jar Kraft Marshmallow Creme
1 t. vanilla
1 c. chopped nuts, optional
Combine sugar, milk, margarine and cook to soft-ball stage, stirring constantly. Remove from heat and mix in chocolate pieces, marshmallow creme and nuts. Mix well. Pour into greased pans and refrigerate until firm.

SUGAR JUMBLES

Mix together:
1 c. soft shortening (half margarine)
1 c. sugar
2 eggs
2 t. vanilla
Blend in:
2 1/4 c. flour
1/2 t. soda
1 t. salt
Drop rounded teaspoonsfull on lightly greased baking sheet and

Last Sale For Year At Texhoma

Last Friday was our last sale in 1974 with 4515 cattle and calves selling through the arena in Texhoma. The better quality steer calves sold in a price range of \$25-29.80 per cwt with heifer calf mates mostly \$22.50-25.50 per cwt. Plain kinds were hard to sell and sold considerably lower.

Some representative sales were as follows: 171 Mixed Steers Av. Wt. 671# at \$29.70 per cwt.; 35 WF and Blk WF Heifers Av. Wt. 687# at \$25.25, per cwt.

bake for 8-10 minutes at 375 degrees. Cookies will still be soft.

Monsanto Will Build New Plant

Monsanto Agricultural Products Company has announced they will construct a multi-million dollar 400,000 tons per year ammonia plant in Luling, Louisiana.

T.L. Houston, Sr., local Monsanto representative, said the new plant will go "on-line" in the first quarter of 1976.

"The new plant will support the increased need for nitrogen for fertilizer that all farmers need to meet demands for foodstuffs over our area," Houston added.

Construction on the new plant is expected to get underway almost immediately and will employ the design and process technology of the M. W. Kellogg company.



CHRISTMAS GREETINGS

We wish you an old-fashioned Christmas... one that glows with the good things in life: a happy family, good friends and lots of good fellowship. We want to thank you, too, for being such loyal customers.

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FRIDAY, December 20, we sold 4515 cattle and calves. The "Action" began at 10:00 AM Sharp (CST) and was completed at 8:45 PM.

NOTICE
This was our last "Cattle Auction" for 1974. [NO SALE CHRISTMAS WEEK]. During the 1974 calendar year we sold a total of 213,475 cattle and calves for a total "Gross Sales" of \$46,547,145.40.

Our next cattle auction will be Friday, January 3, 1975 commencing at 10:00 AM (CST). We are now taking consignments for every Friday in January. Advise us of your plans.

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Anyone who was missed in our drive and who wishes to make a donation, may do so by contacting Arthur Judd or Joe Wells, or by mailing a check to Stratford Lions Club.

- Mary Dietrich
- Mrs. Olive Boston
- Mr. and Mrs. J.D. Hester
- Wilbur Gipson
- E.A. McBryde
- J.L. Naylor
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- Bill Riffe
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- Clarence Judd
- Arthur Judd
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- Open Door Sunday School Class
- Members of Stratford Lions Club

- Anonymous
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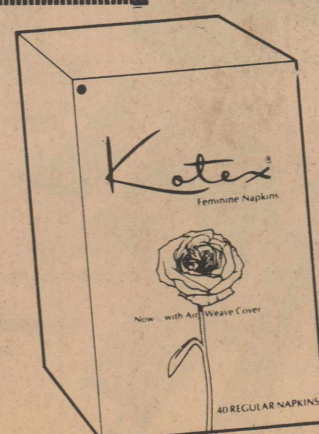
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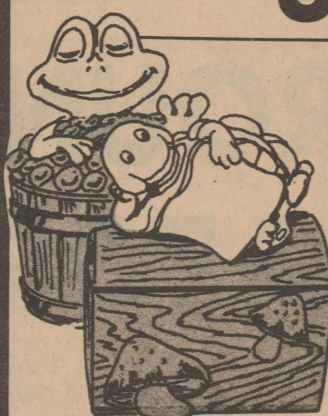
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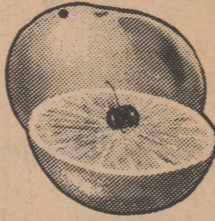
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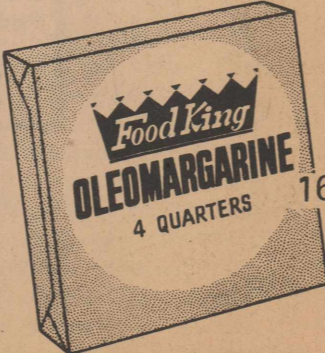
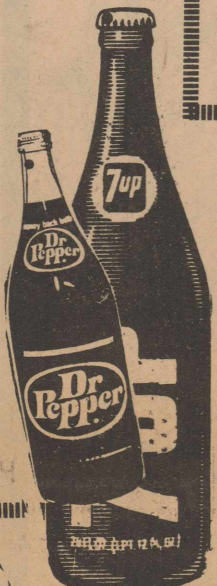
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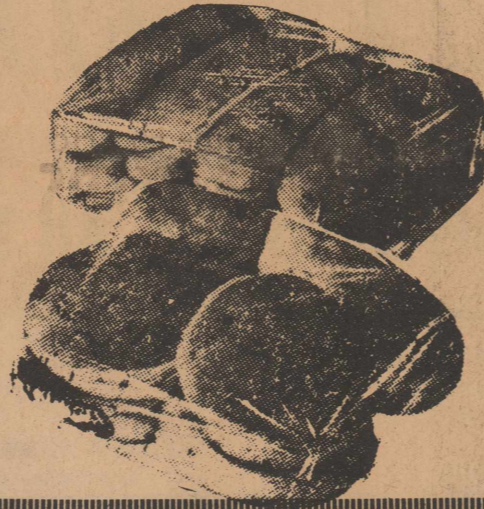


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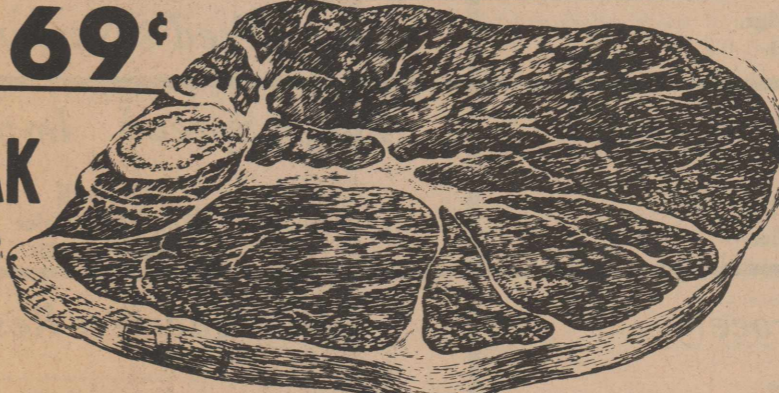
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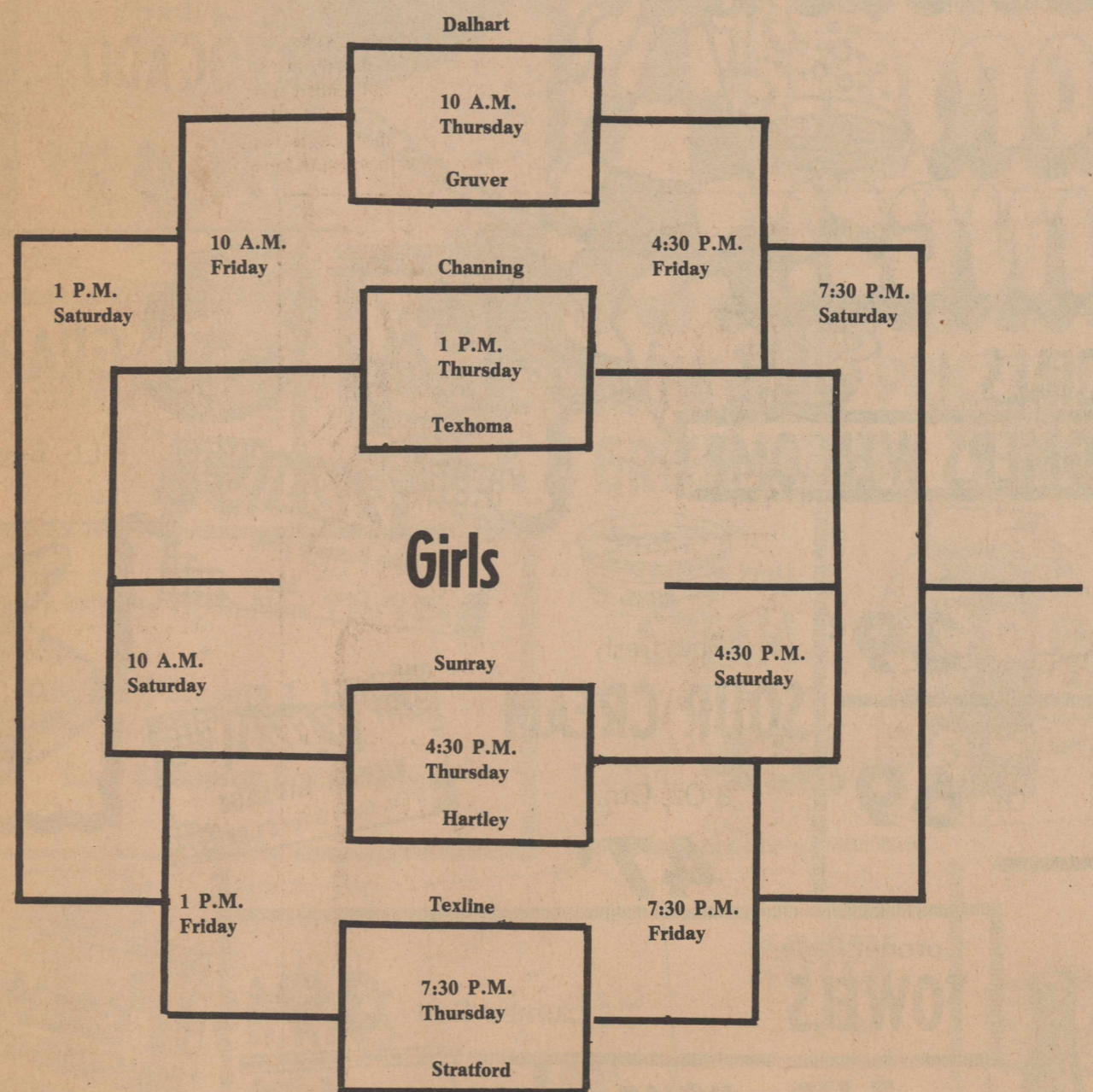
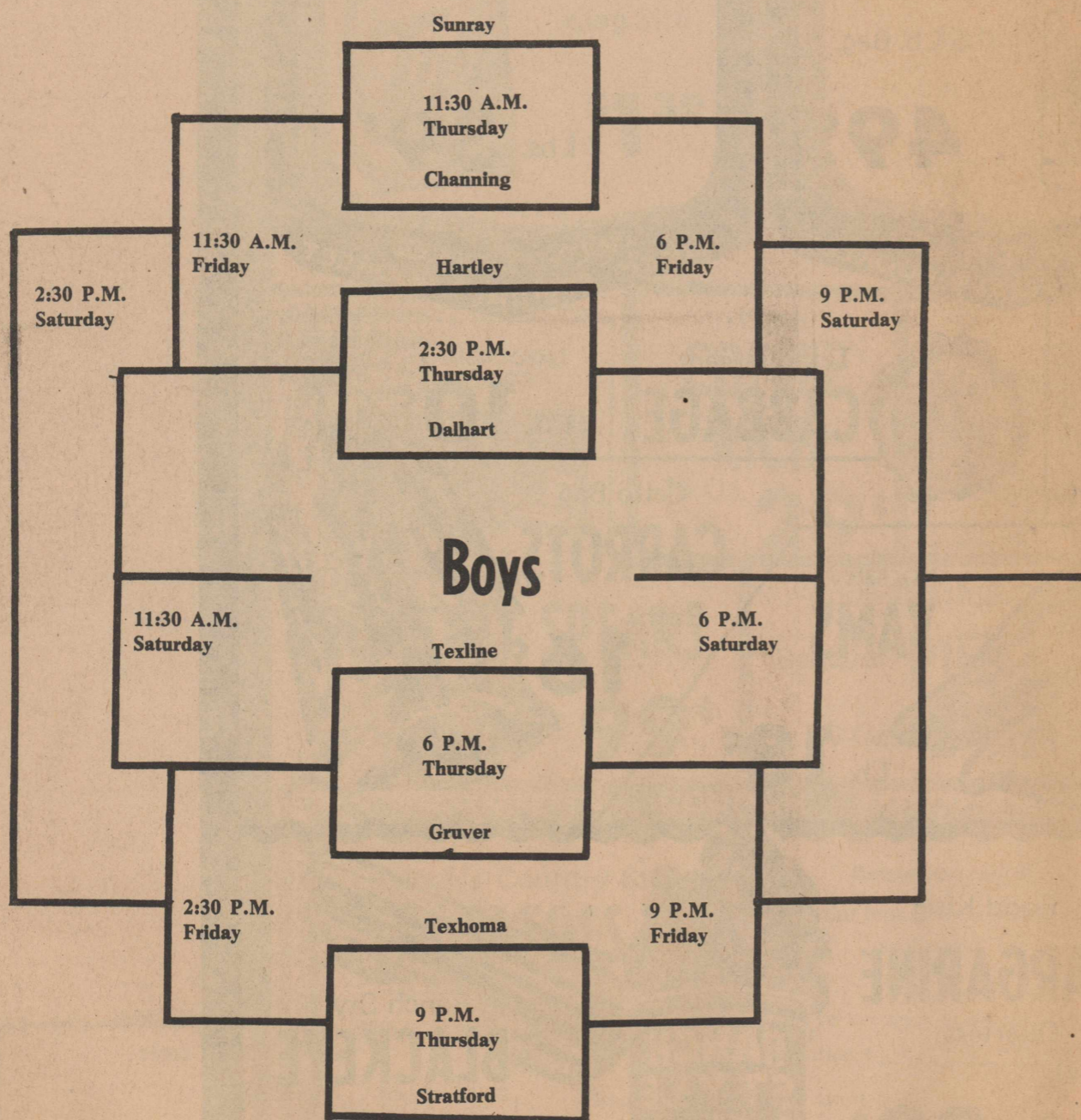
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PREP BASKETBALL Junior High Teams Win 3

Stratford's seventh and Eighth grade Basketball teams took on Sanford Fritch Monday evening with only one loss out of the four games played.

Recapping the action, the seventh grade girls led the entire game, holding the Eaglettes to only 4 points in the first half. The score was 8-4; 14-4; 18-10 and 24-15. Lisa

Albert paced the scoring for Stratford with 10 followed by Chris Emerson with 8; Marie Boardman with 4 and Jonetta Hawkins with 2. Trollinger led for Sanford Fritch with 11.

Stratford's seventh grade boys again took an early lead and led through the fourth with 12-2; 18-13; 26-19 and 36-21. Matt Vincent led the scoring for

Stratford with 12 followed by John Bass with 10; Billy Powers, Leonard Hawkins, Blair Brown with 4 each and Kyle Ingham with 2.

The eighth grade Elkettes let Fritch take the lead early in the first with 9-6 and ended the second 11-10. Stratford's guards held the Eaglettes scoreless in the third while Jana

These resulted in no deaths but three persons were injured.

The rural traffic accident summary for this county during the first eleven months of 1974 shows a total of 47 accidents resulting in one person killed and 20 persons injured.

The rural traffic accident summary for the 60 counties of the Lubbock Department of Public Safety Region for November, 1974, shows a total of 497 accidents resulting in ten persons killed and 229 persons injured as compared to November, 1973, with 606 accidents resulting in 25

persons killed and 349 persons injured. This was 109 less accidents, 15 less killed, and 120 less injured in 1974 at the same period of time.

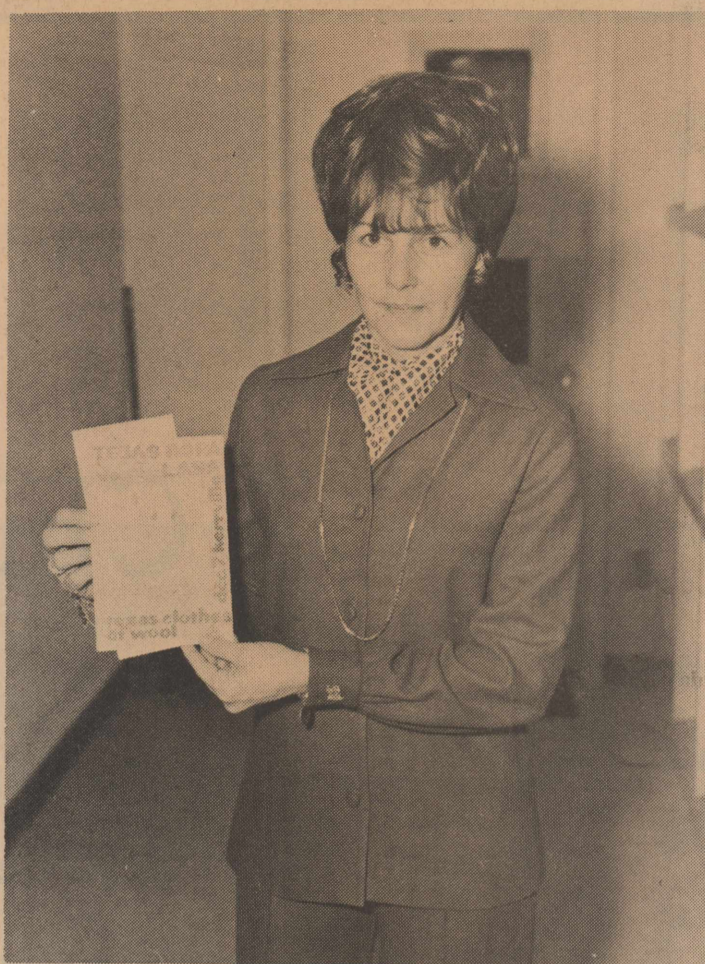
The ten traffic deaths for the month of November, 1974, occurred in the following counties: two in Hansford, one each in Cochran, Crosby, Dickens, Gray, Haskell, Hutchinson, Montague, and Throckmorton.

TSTI APPROVED FOR SACS GROUP
Mid-Continent Campus of Texas State Technical Institute continues as a member in good

standing of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools.

This decision was made by vote of the college delegate assembly of SACS meeting in Dallas this week. State Tech General Manager Lovell A. Pillow was in attendance at the meeting.

The assembly announced, "The Mid-Continent Campus of Texas State Technical Institute has successfully completed self-study procedures and continues as a member in good standing of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools."



THIRD PLACE STATE WINNER-Mrs. Terry Flores is shown in the pant suit which won third place in the State Make-It-With-Wool contest held recently in Kerrville. Mrs. Flores won first place in the District contest in the adult's division and won the right to an all-expense paid trip to the state contest.

Wiley and LaRonda Stacy together put up 6 to put Stratford in the lead at the end of the third 16-11 and won the game 24-13. Barrie Donelson and Jana Wiley paced the eighth grade with 10 each followed by LaRonda Stacy with 4.

Stratford's eighth grade boys took an early lead in the first 2-0; with the lead switching hands in the second to put Fritch out front at the half 7-6. Stratford again took the lead in the third 17-16 with the Eagles again pulling out in front to win 27-23. Jay Willard led for Stratford with 8 followed by

Terry Bilbrey with 5; Noel Chesmer and Toby Wisdom with 4 each and Mark Keener putting up 2. Carter led for Fritch with 8.

Five Wrecks Investigated By DPS Unit

The Texas Highway Patrol investigated five accidents on rural highways in Sherman County during the month of November, 1974, according to Sergeant John Hood, Highway Patrol supervisor of this area.



SANTA VISITS KERRICK: This large group of youngsters were among the nearly 125 present at the annual Kerrick Christmas program. Santa is holding the 18 day old son of Mr. and Mrs. Jimmy Craig, James Christopher. Sorry, the photographer can't identify all the rest!



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O, DIVINE MASTER grant that I may not so much seek to be consoled as to console; to be understood as to understand; to be loved as to love; for it is in giving that we receive; it is in pardoning that we are pardoned; and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life.

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FOR SALE--Roper eye level copertone electric range. Pho. 396-2160. after 5 p.m. 45-tfc

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COUNTY AGENT'S REPORT

by Jim Allison.

TV SHOW TO COVER CARPET CARE
"Dirt can cut the pile and increase wear and tear on carpets," according to television hostess Cindy Kidwell of the "You Can Do It!" series. Lessons in this week's half-hour program will cover carpet care when "What's Afoot in Carpet Care" aired Saturday at 2:00 p.m. on KAMR, Channel 4.

Sponsored locally by the Sherman Family Living Committee and KAMR-TV the 6 part educational television series was created and produced by home economists with the Texas Agricultural Extension Service, The Texas A&M University System, through a United States Department of Agriculture grant, according to Miss Glenda Price, county Extension Agent. Bulletins on any of the projects taught during "You Can Do It!" are available at no charge through the County Extension Office, at 396-2122 or Box 1108 Stratford, Texas 79084.

DENTAL FACTS

Adults may need as much calcium as children. According to Dr. Herta Spencer of the Veterans Administration Hospital, Hines, Illinois, when the body receives too little calcium, the element will be removed from its storage depots in the bones to meet calcium needs throughout the body. Years of calcium depletion can lead to osteoporosis.

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IRRIGATION MOTORS--We have a new shipment of 428 and 534 cubic inch Ford Industrial Irrigation engines just arrived and available for immediate delivery. Corral Ford, Inc., Phone 396-5511. 23-tfc

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ADULT CONTINUING EDUCATION

Sessions are open for enrollment now through April, 1975 with classes meeting every Monday night from 7 p.m. until 10 p.m. in the Stratford Junior High Building. If interested in furthering your education come by or call 396-5690.

Areas of study include: English as a second language General Mathematics English Essentials Natural Sciences Social Studies Literary Materials. All courses are preparatory for GED examination. 42-tfc

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Dear Santa Claus,
I have been pretty good this year. I do not want very many things this year like I did last year. All I want is: a "Real Live Baby Doll" (I need to practice washing dolls so I can start baby sitting.), a masterpiece game, a rabbit (mine died this year, his name was Charley), and if you can find one a English Saddle. I do not have to have all these things, but I will settle for anything you give me. You be a good boy and I will see you Christmas.

Love your little elf,
Leslie Flores
P.S. Don't let Jack Frost bite you on your way. O.K.



St. Joseph's Catholic Church at 12th and Los Angeles Sts., in Los Angeles, California has done so for many years.

St. Francis also popularized the tradition of Christmas caroling, it is said. When villagers came to see his Nativity arrangement, he led them in "joyous caroling."

Now, of course, such caroling is done by roving groups of singers from countless churches and other organizations each Christmas, but the idea is the same -- to express in song one's gratitude at the joyous occasion of Christmas.

MISCELLANEOUS

I WILL BE RESPONSIBLE for all my wife's debts, personal and private. Kirk McWilliams 52-1tc

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Social Security News

Have you a question about social security? Address it to the Social Security Administration, P.O. Box 1292, Guymon, Oklahoma 73942. You will receive an answer in this column or by mail.

Q. How can I get a new Medicare Card for my mother? She misplaced hers. I'm enclosing part of a previous Medicare claim showing her name and claim number.

A. We will enter your request and our Baltimore computer will print and mail a replacement card for her. Should she need to use her Medicare number before she gets the card, she can use an earlier Medicare claim on other correspondence with the name and claim number on it.

Q. My doctor charged me for hospital visits for every day I was in the hospital. I know he didn't visit me every day, and when he did, he merely stuck his head in the door and said, "Hi". I don't think Medicare should pay him for every visit.
A. I am quite sure the doctor visited your hospital nurses' station, studied your chart, and entered the necessary instructions for your care on each day he charged for, even if you did not see him each time. If you have any doubt, the hospital can verify this for you.

Q. About a year ago, I read in the paper that service during World War II could be credited for social security purposes at age 65. Is this still true?

A. Yes. Credit may be given for military service during the period September 15, 1940 through 1956, unless the same period of service is used by another Federal Agency (other than VA) to pay benefits.

TREE LEGEND

One of the many legends about the Christmas tree tells of Martin Luther wandering through the woods on Christmas Eve and marveling at the stars shining through the branches of the fir trees. Inspired by the sight, he cut a fir tree for his family, set it up, and lighted it with candles.



ON WALL STREET

By BOB HILL
Lentz, Newton & Co. Members,
New York Stock Exchange

In 1971 President Nixon, without warning, slapped a 10 percent import surcharge on all Canadian goods sold in the U.S. Only two years ago Canadian oil producers were pleading with Washington to increase U.S. imports of Canadian oil and gas. But, just two weeks ago the Canadian Minister of Energy, Donald S. Macdonald, announced a plan to cut Canadian oil barrels per day by next July. This means Canadian shipments of oil to the U.S. will drop to 650,000 barrels per day compared to 1,100,000 barrels per day last year. The flow of Canadian oil will shrink further when a pipeline from Alberta to Eastern Canada is completed and plans now call for a complete shutoff of Canadian oil to the U.S. by 1982.

Although less than 5 per cent of our total oil consumption comes from Canada, American authorities are disturbed by the cutoff trend. Canada has also cut imports of U.S. beef an estimated \$100 million annually and the Canadian Radio-Television Commission has ordered

Library News

By Jessie K. Hodges
Librarian

A Walk On The Crust
This book has recently been sent to the Library by the Ben Bidy, Jr. Family of Nashville, Tenn.

The book is compiled by Jack Markowitz. 1973 is the sixty-ninth year since Andrew Carnegie founded the Hero Fund Commission that bears his name.

"A Walk on the Crust of Hell" is the first book to tell the story of the Carnegie Heroes, not as a collecting of case histories, but as individual stories of high drama and breathtaking action. You stand in the Heroes shoes, know their thoughts and fears, and the fearful risks they accept. You are with the victims too, experiencing the hopelessness of their predicaments, sharing the suspense and relief of their deliverance.

On page 119 of this book, you will find an accounting of a very heroic act by Sherman County Native, Mr. Sam Wohlford.

The Memory Book

By Harry Larayne-Jerry Lucas
Harry Larayne, the world's leading memory training specialist, and his Famous disciple and associate, Jerry Lucas of the New York Knicks, have combined their knowledge to produce a book that will enable you to remember anything the first time you see, read or hear it; names, faces, appointments, numbers, speeches, and even foreign words. The memory book is also your key to faster reading, and remembering what you read etc.

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Social Security Schedule Stated

A representative of the Guymon Social Security Office will be at the Sherman County Court House on Mondays, January 13; February 10; and March 10 from 10-12 a.m. to help anyone needing assistance on matters relating to social security, supplementary security income or Medicare.

You can also obtain service by coming to the social security office at 106 East Sixth Street in Guymon or by phoning 338-6527. The office is open 8:30 a.m. to 4:45 p.m. Monday through Friday.

If your club, civic group or class would like a program on social security, please call 338-6527.

CARD of THANKS

Words are inadequate to express our deep appreciation to our neighbors and friends for their concern and words of encouragement after the fire which destroyed our barn, shop and all contents. Where else could we find friends that would give us such a nice shop tool shower? Your love and generosity has been overwhelming. You have made our loss much easier to bear. God bless you all; and Merry Christmas and the best to all of you in the New Year.

The Donald Moon family

CARD of THANKS

Thanks again for remembering me and my family with your prayers, many cards, flowers, gifts, visits and all the food you are bringing to us now that I am home once more. Merry Christmas to each and everyone.

Charline Oquin

CARD of THANKS

Henry, Paul and I would like to take this opportunity to express our appreciation for all our many friends who have gone out of their way to make our Christmas a lot happier. May God bless each of you.

The Henry Comacho Family

CARD of THANKS

We wish to thank all the good friends and neighbors for their words of kindness, the food, flowers and prayers expressed to us in the loss of our loved one. May the Lord bring a special blessing to each of you.

Jim Skillin
Georgana Cearley
Helen Jarrett
and Grandchildren

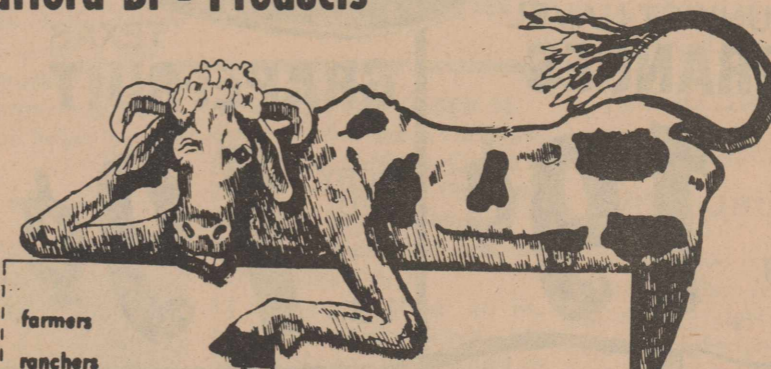
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I would like to thank the people of Stratford and Sherman County for their cooperation given me during the past 21 years. The friendships formed and experiences shared will be with me always.

Thank you all for many wonderful years.

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Wayland Brown

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Steak Sauce Prime Choice	10 Oz.	\$1.25
Vanilla Wafers Keebler	12 Oz.	59¢
Dog Food Hi Vi 50	15 Oz.	15¢
Trash Can Liners Hefty 10 Ct.	33 Gal.	\$1.31
Paper Plates Dixie, 9 Inch	100 Ct.	79¢
Detergent Kim Powdered	Gt.	79¢
Liquid Bleach Kalex	Gal.	58¢
Refried Beans Mountain Pass	15 Oz.	35¢
Mustard Kimbell	16 Oz.	29¢
Sandwich Spread Kimbell	16 Oz.	73¢
Biscuit Mix Kountry Fresh	6 1/4 Oz.	19¢

Jala Beano Bean Dip Kimbell	8 Oz.	27¢
Cooking Ease Cooking Spray	6 Oz.	79¢
Coffee Creamer Kimbell	6 Oz.	43¢
Heartland Cereal	16 Oz.	77¢
Chipos Betty Crocker	9 1/2 Oz.	69¢
International Coffees All Flavors	8 Oz.	\$1.39
Tomato Juice Hunt's	46 Oz.	59¢
Onion Soup Mix Lipton	2Pk.	47¢
Mixed Nuts Tom Scott	13 Oz.	79¢
Cheese Links Kraft, All Flavors	6 Oz.	65¢
Biscuits Kountry Fresh	10 Ct.	13¢
Roka Dressing Kraft	8 Oz.	69¢
Hominy Kimbell	29 Oz.	18¢



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8 OZ. **39¢**



MOREHEAD'S DIPS
ALL FLAVORS 8 OZ. **59¢**

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5 LB. BAG **79¢**

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46 OZ. **49¢**

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15 OZ. **19¢**

CARPENTER'S SON BORN IN BETHLEHEM STABLE TO MARY AND JOSEPH FROM NAZARETH

Birth of Infant Rouses Rumors Of New Messiah on Earth

BETHLEHEM--At the stroke of midnight last night (Dec. 24), Mary, wife of Joseph of Nazareth, gave birth to a Son in kindly local innkeeper's stable. The birth literally launched a landslide of rumors.

The couple has named the Infant Jesus.

Mary and Joseph are here from Nazareth for the census, ordered by Caesar to be sure all tax funds possible are being collected.

In Nazareth, the Baby's father is employed as a carpenter. The two arrived here last Friday and were unable to locate any hotels with vacancies. After hours of searching they were allowed to take shelter in the stable.

When queried, the innkeeper said he noted Mary's approaching delivery and though all his rooms were full he couldn't turn them away so he offered the stable, where the two could at least rest. However, they were unable to look further for lodging as Mary delivered the Baby soon after.

Though she had no doctor in attendance, the woman from Nazareth apparently suffered no ill effects from her stable delivery.

Exact weight of the Infant is not known.

Because she was here, instead of at home, Mary had no layette for her Baby so she wrapped Him in swaddling clothes and lay Him on fresh straw in a manger.

Word is, the animals, usually so restless with strangers, didn't seem to mind the Infant's presence at all. In fact, they all knelt as if in prayer at the stroke of midnight.

Attention to the new Baby was attracted by a brilliant star that appeared over the stable where He lay.

Jesus' arrival is another of the strange events taking place over the past two days in Bethlehem.

With visitors--all members of the house of David coming "home"--flocking into town, one hardly knows which of the rampant rumors to believe--if any.

Within hours of the Baby's birth, shepherds started arriving to pay homage to the Messiah. What Messiah, I asked?

The sheep herders, who supposedly left their flocks untended on the hillsides, all reported angels had appeared to them saying God had sent His only son and that the Baby was the Messiah.

They were all absolutely sure, Mary's Baby was the one of whom the angels spoke. They claim the angels told them the Messiah would be found in Bethlehem, in a stable beneath a brilliant star.

There are also rumors that three wise men have left their far eastern city, bearing gifts of frankincense, myrrh and jewels

Rockrose Blooms In Desert

BETHLEHEM--Reports are unseasonably warm weather of the past two days has caused early blooming of the rockrose in the sand and rocks of the desert.

Rockrose, *cistus creticus* L, is also known as the perfumed gum myrrh.

Wildflower watchers of the area are always delighted when the rockrose blooms. Novice watchers can recognize the plant as it blooms before the leaves appear.

for the new Baby. They, too, soon to feel He is some kind of wise and wonderful Person.

Questions continue to pour into the office as residents of the area hear rumor after rumor.

At press time efforts were being made to track down the rumors and reporters are

scurrying about trying to discuss the unusual events with as many people as possible.

Surely, most are saying, a Messiah would not be born in a stable with only a manger for a crib and swaddling clothes for a layette. Others are hurrying to the stable so they can pay homage to the Baby.

Mary and Joseph are planning to return to their carpenter shop-home in Nazareth in about 12 days, they told reporters this morning.

But, before they return to Nazareth, Joseph plans to take the Infant to the temple to be circumcized.



BIRTH OF JESUS-- Because of King Herod's ban on photographers, no photo was available of the Birth of Baby Jesus at Bethlehem. However, a local artist was among those who gathered at The Inn shortly after His Birth and prepared this drawing of the Miracle of Jesus. The Child was born to Mary and Joseph, of Nazareth, as they made their way to Bethlehem for accounting in the census report as decreed by King Herod.

PEOPLE CALL HIM MESSIAH SHEPHERDS DESERT FLOCKS TO VIEW BABY JESUS

FROM THE HILLSIDES-- Area ranchers today are reporting some most unusual occurrences.

It is said a number of shepherds deserted their flocks at midnight last night (Dec. 24) and traveled into Bethlehem--supposedly to pay homage to a Baby, who lay in a manger, dressed in swaddling clothes.

When asked about their most unusual behavior, the shepherds are reported to have stated they were visited by an angel.

The angel, they said, spoke to them and told them the Messiah had been born in Bethlehem.

There are many visitors in Bethlehem, all members of the house of David here for the new census ordered by Caesar through King Herod.

People who spoke with the shepherds are positive the herders are mistaken. Surely, they are saying, the Messiah would be born in a palace and dressed in the finest of linen layettes.

How, citizens are asking, could the Messiah arrive in such humble circumstances?

Other shepherds, those who stayed with their fat-tailed sheep, are claiming that at about the same hour on Monday (midnight) that the flocks of some were deserted, their

animals awoke, stirred and knelt as if in prayer.

Some ranchers are sure the bright star, appearing mysteriously in the eastern sky, might have some effect on the animals' behavior; however, others say the light is not "that bright."

Whatever the causes, ranchers are making a concentrated effort today to discover the cause of their shepherds' and flocks' strange actions.

A number of the bigger ranchers are consulting seers while others are taking their worries to the temple for the wise men to decipher.

Others--usually the smaller and not so affluent flock owners are listening to the rumors racing through the streets--that the Messiah is really here--and wondering if the actions are really the work of God.

One thing on which they all agree is that study of the strange occurrences will continue until the mystery is solved.

THE STRATFORD STAR

Tip Top Town in Texas

SUMMONS BY HEROD Residents Crowd Into Bethlehem To Be Counted In Ceasar's Census

BETHLEHEM--Residents of other communities--all members of the house of David--are crowding into the city today in answer to a summons issued by Augustus Caesar through King Herod for a census.

In order to properly conduct a census, all people must return to the communities of their family origin.

People yesterday filled all the local hotels and one is even staying in a stable.

Purpose of the census, it is rumored, is to count every

person before reviving the hated poll tax. After all, citizens are saying, the Romans must milk the last drop of blood from the people they've conquered.

When King Herod called for the census, he ordered all residents to go from their homes to their family's city of origin. Thus peoples from all over the country are arriving by every imaginable mode of transportation including shank's mare.

There is little doubt tax reform is needed; however, the Romans remain deaf to the people's cries. The new tax will be an additional burden to all over-taxed residents of the country.

is that funds should be spent in the countries where they are collected. But those in the know are quite sure the Romans are raising funds for their own country's coffers and to finance additional conquests.

The health department is concerned with the influx of visitors and a spokesman said officials are worrying about water as well as food holding out until the count is made so the tourists can go home.

Hospitals are overcrowded as are the roads. In fact, one

report says a pedestrian virtually taking his life in his hands to attempt crossing a street in the downtown and most populous area.

However the Roman soldiers are making every effort to maintain order and to direct traffic. After all, every head kept alive and thereby counted means more money in their treasury.

When the man in the street begs, will Rome hear the plea and stop taxing him to death?

FOR MESSIAH Three Wise Men From Persia Launch Search

PERSIA--Early today three wise men, known as Melchior, Gaspar and Balthazar, departed aboard camels to follow a new star that appeared mysteriously in the east.

The three carried gifts of jewels, frankincense and myrrh, which they hope at journey's end to present to a Messiah.

After much consultation the past two days, they decided to follow the star.

They said they decided to make the voyage across Arabia's Desert because their studies of prophecies made by Isiah and others indicate a Messiah is to be born in Judea as a Saviour of the people.

The seers, all three much admired for their knowledge, are carrying provisions enough for 12 days and hope to arrive at their destination, where the Messiah is supposedly staying in a stable, before Jan. 6. There, they plan to present their priceless gifts to the Messiah.

The seers said they plan to seek officials' help in locating the Messiah once they arrive in Judea.

First Judean town the three

will reach at the end of the caravan route will be Bethlehem. There, they hope to seek an audience with King Herod to get additional information on the Messiah or Saviour.

It is reported the seers are making their trip at great personal sacrifice as they spent their life savings to outfit the caravan and purchase their costly gifts.

Even though they have stripped themselves financially, they are traveling light since they feel speed is of the essence in reaching their destination.

When queried of their concern for speed, one of the three replied they felt the Messiah might be in danger. They know not what they can do to allay the danger but they wish to be there to help.

The spokesman said once they've presented their priceless gifts to the Messiah, they hope to kneel in worship before Him.

Since the three have purchased the best animals here, they said they plan to push them to the utmost as they cross the Arabian desert.

HEROD LIVID AT NEWS OF BIRTH

THE PALACE--King Herod is livid over rumors of the birth of the Messiah.

One source, who naturally in the to remain anonymous, reflects the king literally threw a tantrum when he heard about the Baby born in Bethlehem.

The king according to the source flipped his lid and threatened to have every male child born Friday and Saturday slain.

Surely the king will realize that Messiah would be born in a palace with trumpets heralding his appearance and will not arrive while, his mother is in Bethlehem being counted for a census.

Who knows? Perhaps it will be the straw that breaks the camel's back. Perhaps the rumors of a Messiah born here yesterday are true and He will deliver His people from the clutches of the Romans' greed.

Surely this Messiah will have mercy on His people and will help them throw off the yoke of conquest.

Naturally, local businessmen are enjoying the upswing in the economy as the visitors are spending money they earned in their work at home.

The census, through it means more of a burden taxwise eventually, has definitely wrought some good for a few people.

Taxpayers' chronic complaint

Brilliant New Star Awes Area Residents

BETHLEHEM--Shortly after midnight last night (Dec.24), astronomers noticed a new star, shining brilliantly in the east.

Early risers noting the star were reported awe-struck.

Many are asking what could cause such a brilliant flare in the sky. Some are sure the star is an act of God in protest of the census being conducted in order to raise taxes.

Astronomers say the star suddenly appeared as a brilliant flash which remained stationary. Other new stars that are found in the heavens usually appear first as dim blurs in the galaxy, then grow in brilliance.

regularly its brightest in the winter sky.

Evidently we have here another of the miracles science is unable to interpret. It is known the star is so brilliant it is visible in Persia way across the Arabian desert.

Glory to God in the highest

ST. LUKE 2:14

AND THE ANGEL SAID UNTO THEM
FEAR NOT: FOR, BEHOLD I BRING YOU
GOOD TIDINGS OF GREAT JOY, WHICH
SHALL BE TO ALL PEOPLE. FOR UNTO
YOU IS BORN THIS DAY IN THE CITY
OF DAVID, A SAVIOR WHICH IS
CHRIST THE LORD.

Luke II, 10 and 11

Christmas Day In The Morning

As I sat on a sunny bank,
A sunny bank, a sunny bank,
As I sat on a sunny bank
On Christmas Day in the morning.

I saw three ships come sailing by,
Come sailing by, come sailing by,
I saw three ships come sailing by,
On Christmas Day in the morning.

And who d'you think were on the ship,
Were on the ship, were on the ship,
And who d'you think were on the ship
But Joseph and his Fair Lady.

O he did whistle and she did sing,
And all the bells on earth did ring
For joy our Savior Christ was born
On Christmas Day in the morning.

— Anonymous

A third theory is that the star is the planet Venus, which is



And his name shall be called
The Prince of Peace.

- Isaiah 9:6



The Bumble Bee

396-2218

SANTA CLAUS LETTERS...

Dear Santa
I want a three wheeler for Christmas and if i cannot get a three wheeler i want a pair of cleets.

Thank, you Santa,
signed Travis Galloway

xxxxx
Dear Santa
I want a hammer, screw-driver, pliers, and a tool chest and thats all.

Thank, you Santa,
Troy Jason Galloway

xxxxx
Dear Santa Clause,
what i want for Christmas is a microscope, race track, toss across, tape recorder, motorcycle, T.T.P. Stuntcycle.

Thanks
Buddy Schertler

xxxxx
Dear Santa Claus
I want a barbie town house, swimming pool, a friend ship plane, a barbie beach bus, Dune Buggy, trailer S tent, the sun set

Desiree Hayworth

and my brother wants a firetruck and putt-putt train, guns, a cowboy hat, anything else you want to bring me Santa Clause.

Anthony Hayworth

Thank you Santa Claus
I will leave you same mile and cookies.

xxxxx
Dear santa,
I am 7 years old My name is Mike B. I have been pretty good this year. please bring me a pivot pool. please bring My sister tonya a typewriter.

Thank you santa
Mike and tonya
Billingsley

xxxxx
Dear Santa,
I want a chalk borad and a basketball.

Love,
Ann Pendleton

xxxxx
Dear Santa Clause,
How are you and Mrs. Clause?

Please bring me a doll and real house with yard and swings.

Bring something for my two sisters dna ll little boys and girls.

Love you,
Vickie Rolen

I am leaving you a peanut butter sandwich and a piece of gum in our living room.

Thank you,
Greg Gates

xxxxx
Dear Santa& Reindeers:
I would like a camper, trailer and a boat, a Dallas Cowboy football helmet.

I've been pretty good this year and I've minded my Mom & Dad.

Love,
Gared McBryde

xxxxx
Dear Santa:
I would like a football helmet and a camper, pickup and boat like my big brother Gared wants.

I've been a good boy (sometimes).

Love,
Brad McBryde

xxxxx
Dear Santa,
Please bring my sister, Jennifer, a rub a dub dolly and a putt putt railroad set.

Please Santa Claus, bring me a Steve Scout and a Verti-bird helicopter and a police car.

xxxxx
Dear Santa Claus,
My name is Christie and I am 4 1/2 yrs. old and my brother, Travis, is 2 yrs. old. I would like a doll and a Weebles camper for Christmas and Travis would like airport and a firetruck. One thing we would like very much but know you cannot give us is to be with our Grandma and Grandad on Christmas.

Love,
Christie and Travis Willey

xxxxx
Dear Santa
I am 5 years old. I am in kindergarden.

I want a Magic Sewing Maching and a Baby Sister.

I lobe you
Keitha Bornstein

xxxxx
Dear Santa Claus
Wood you get me a Evil

Knievel for Christmas please Santa. I wall take good carr of it. Santa wye do you have 9 reindeers and wye do you have a white bedrd.

Your friend
Carey Smith

xxxxx
Dear Santen
I want a chemistry set, and some majeck cards, Evil Knievel squod van, terckors ring, a motle aircrafcarrys.

Why do you live in the north pole?

Why does rodof have a red nose?

Why do you have a white berd?

Don't forget the orphans, poor people, and kids that want toys.

Have a happy new year.

Your frind
Jimmy Gillenwaters

xxxxx
Dear Santa,
Will you please bring me a Barbie Sewing Machine. Also a game, and any thing else you think I will like.

Love,
Leslie Hamilton

But i love you



Merry Christmas

May hearts be filled with gladness on His birthday. Thanks.

Gordie Ramon



Greetings

May all the good things Christmas has in store be yours — peace, joy and serenity. We are forever grateful for your kindness.

Tip Top Hobby Shop

Anna & Grady Mullican



Greetings

The season's warm glow is filling the air with happiness and cheer, laughter and joy. And as we celebrate this special time, we want to take a moment to thank you for your valued patronage and good friendship.

Corral Ford Inc.

Ph 396-5511

Stratford



Toward the Star

Another year...another Christmas...and still The Star of Bethlehem leads mankind toward Peace and Hope and Joy. The Star's original light fell two thousand years ago in a dark land and lit it with the promise of life and steadily...ever since...it is there for those who would see... to guide their feet.

May the Spirit of The Star of Bethlehem remain with each one of you during this Holy Christmas Season and in every day that follows, during the coming year.

Merry Christmas

CONSUMERS CO

Ph 396-2261

Leon Guthrie, Mgr.

Stratford

LETTERS TO SANTA

Dear Santa Clause,
 Why do you come down the chimney instead of the door?
 Please bring me a complete kitchen play equipment.
 Love
 Brenda Jane Smith

Dear Santa,
 I want a dump truck, and a race car set. I hope you have something for all the kids in the world. Thank you for my things last year.
 Love
 Larry Woody

Dear Santa Claus,
 I've tried very hard to be a good girl. I sure would like to have "Baby Alive" and an electric train.
 If you have "Picklepus" and Patche's bed I could sure use them too.
 Please bring my sister, Billie some clothes and Brother Brian something too. They've been good sometimes.
 We will have some hot chocolate for you and 2 cookies.
 Love,
 Kristi Harrison

xxxxx
 Dear Santa,
 Please bring me a Baby Alive a case, a baby carriage.
 I Love You Santa--I've been a good girl.
 Thank you,
 *Kara Krisann Johnson
 P.S. Please bring my brother Tres something also.

xxxxx
 Dear Santa Claus
 I am going to get a b b gun. and john Dears.
 Santa have you seen me in the crystal Ball underline yas or no your friend
 Sammy gonaz

xxxxx
 Dear Santa
 I want Evil Knievel cycle, a 22 rifle.
 Your frind
 David Meyer

xxxxx
 Dear Santa,
 I want a train set and I want the Alamo and a rock plachair and some tonka trucks and a Evil Knievel cycle and a ttp jump set and a play amey gun and rifel.
 Your frend
 Tres Johnson

xxxxx
 Dear Santa Claus
 I would like a Baby alive, a baby puppy, a trampoline and a motorcycle
 Your friend,
 Lisa Harris

xxxxx
 Dear Santa Claus
 I would like a big truck and a tracter with a combine and a raceing car and a football hemet.
 Your freind
 Albert Olivas

xxxxx
 Dear Santa Claus,
 I hope you will give everybody a nice Christmas price. I hope everybody is good so everybody

can have a price. I want a whace (watch) for Christmas
 Your friend
 Lu Lu Mayorga
 xxxxx
 Dear Santa Claus
 My name is Lupito and I am 10 years old. Would you please bring me a micky mouse wreast watch for Chirstmas .
 Merry Chirstmas and a happy new year.

xxxxx
 Dear Santa
 I saw you kiss my mother. I won't tell Daddy if you will

bring me a Go Cart.
 Your frind
 Gregg Wright
 xxxxx
 Dear Santa,
 I want barbetown hause for Chistmas and if I dont get that I wat a mother cat.
 From Diann Riffe
 to Santa

xxxxx
 Dear Santa,
 For Christma I want an doll and some dishes and some doll clothes I will put some milk and cookies on the table for you.
 Thank you Santa.
 Branda Hammersmith

Dear Santa,
 We have been good boys this year, some of the time.
 Please bring Malcolm a race track; trampoline, a teddy bear, and a big fire truck.
 Please bring Chris a drum and some drum sticks and a dog.
 We'll be at Canyon this year so bring our presents down there.
 We'll leave you some cookies and milk.
 Tell all the Rudolph, Dasher, Donder Dancer, Prancer, Vixen and Blitzen that we love them.
 Love,
 Malcolm and Chris Waters

Dear Santa,
 It has been a whole year since I saw you and I have missed you. Martin and I have been real good. I really would love a Baby Alive to care for. Martin needs a bike, but he has to have a little one because he's just a little boy. Santa there are bunches of kids that need food and some clothes--hope you can help out there. We haven't moved yet so we are living in the same house as last year. Take care and wrap up real warm. It is real cold here at night.
 Love you,
 Shawna Dettle

Dear Santa Clause,
 I love you. I've been good this week. I want a baby crib, make-up, and a highchair.
 I'll wait up for you,
 Mayle Heiskell

xxxxx
 Dear Santa Claus
 my name is Irma Rendon my teacher name is Miss Futch
 I wnat a ring for mom
 I wnat a ring for my dad and for me I wnat a barbies town house and one barbie.
 I Love you
 Santa Claus

NOEL

Let's all sing a carol of peace, serenity and goodwill, this special holiday season. Many thanks to all our friends for your loyal patronage.

Ron's Texaco
 Ron Hager

Joy to the World

...The Lord is come! Let every heart prepare Him room,—and heaven and nature sing! We wish you and yours Christmas joy.

Holiday Cheer

In the very best tradition, we'd like to wish our friends, old and new, holidays filled with the joy of the season!

Moore Implement Co.
 Ed Moore

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Your IHC Dealer

Mr. and Mrs. Ben Biddy
 Mr. and Mrs. Sam James
 Mr. and Mrs. Ray Gore

Mr. and M
 Glenn Slaton
 Kathleen and

LETTERS TO SANTA..

Dear, Santa
My name is Tucker Garoutte. I want a Rescue Vehicle to play with.
I have a sister named Gara Garoutte. She wants a Baby Alive and a high chair to feed her in. We have tried to be nice this year. Have a safe trip.
Merry Christmas.
Love,
Tucker and Gara
Garoutte

xxxxx

wants a doll and some cars.
Sheila Robertson
Ps. Please take toys to Grandma's house.
xxxxx
Dear Santa Clause
I want a motor bike, electric train, and evil canival rocket. I Love You.
From
Ron Oquin

xxxxx
Dear Santa,
I would like a talking tell record player. That's all.
Thank you for the sled you gave me last year. Scott wants a prehistoric animal set. Hope

xxxxx
Dear Santa Claus
My name is Tina I am 7 years old and will you please bring me a baby alive for Christmas.
And a happy new year
Tina Garza

xxxxx
Dear Santa,
My name is Brenda.
I am in the 2nd grade.
I want a bike or a typewriter.
I love you Santa.
I beleave in you Santa.
Brenda Phillips

xxxxx
Dear Santa
this is wat I want. some boxing gloves and some cowboys Indians and horses.
Also I want a car and a ten speed bike.
Steven Silva

xxxxx
Dear Santa,
I am writing to let you know what I would like for Christmas
A knit Magic kit. I hope you have one for me.
Your friend,
Mary Beth Spurlock

xxxxx
Dear Santa with Love
I want a Dial watch and a set of walkie talkies and some building blocks and I hope you will bring all the good little boys and girls some nice things.
Love
Drew Blake

Dear Santa
I would like if it would not be to much trouble to get me a Lionel train and my brother would like a camper set, there is one more thing that would like is for everybody to have a Merry Christmas.
from Rhett Russle Ragsdale

xxxxx
Dear Santa Clause
Hope you are fine. For Christmas I would like a trampoline, Snoopy tooth brush and a doll. Please bring something for my sisters.
Thank you
Stacy Lynn Rolon

xxxxx
Dear Santa
How are you. I am fine.
Would you bring me a toy I want one of these toys lightbrite or minybike.
I'll leave my door open on Christmas eve. So bring me a toy or a 10 dollar bill. My name is Jean I don't have much to write about. But write back to
Your friend
Jean Romero
Box 554
Stratford, Texas 79084
North pearl 319

xxxxx
Dear Santa Claus,
I would like a taking phone, a Barbie Doll and case and a Baby Alive. I love you,
Love,
Kristi Deon Blake

xxxxx
Dear Santa Claus
I love you. I have been good all year. I want cars and I want BB gun a i want a baby puppy and a cat.
Sinsarily
Tomas Martinez

xxxxx
Dear Santa
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Christmas is a time of reverence . . . a time of reflection . . . and above all, a time of joy. We wish that joy to each and every one of our many wonderful friends.



Peace on Earth
On the eve of our Savior's birthday we wish you inner peace . . . true joy. To our many patrons, "thanks."

Frederickson's Drilling

MERRY CHRISTMAS

Deck the halls . . . carol . . . rejoice. Have yourself a very merry Yule. To all, our warm thanks.

Western Auto Store and Lewis Exxon

Stratford Grain Co.

Stratford

Lautz

DEAR SANTA CLAUS

Dear Santa,
I have been a very good boy this year.
I want a snow cone machine.
I love you.

Brian Bornstein

xxxxx
Dear Santa
I want a race track, and drums, freight train, airplane
G.I. Joe

Thank you
Bobby Schertler

xxxxx
Dear Santa Claus,
Please bring me a new doll that drinks and eats--also a play mixer and an oven that cooks cakes.

How is Rudolph? Will he pull your sleigh to Stratford?

Love,
Leigh Bass

(Translation from the original copy)

xxxxx
Dear Santa
I am 4 years old. My name is Bobby Chesher. I want a Pedal Car where the hood and doors open, an electric train, and a Mickey Mouse watch. Bring my sister Carol a big horse and Jacque a watch.

Love,
Bobby Chesher

Dear Santa,
If you can make clothes, I would like some police clothes--badge and everything. If my mother can find a place for a foos-ball set, I would like to have one.

My little brother, Tim, would like to have some toys too.

We have tried to be good boys this year. Please don't forget the other boys and girls--especially Shane Weiss and Paul Lundberg.

Love,
Paul & Tim Hudson

xxxxx

To Santa Claus from Micah
I Love you santa claus.

I want a toy horse for christmas and I wish taht you have a christmas day and I will to and I know that you are a very good man and I know thaty do not think you are not real. And I want a real horse.

Love,
Micah Scott Woody

xxxxx
Dear Santa Claus,
I want some pants. I want some shirts. I want a sleeping bag. I want a baby alive.

Zenith Kay Burton

xxxxx
Dear Santa
How is the kringles and may I have a BB gun and a miny Bike. I have bene a good boy

love
David Limer
3rd grade

xxxxx
Dear Santa
I want a baby alive and a phonograph and records and a barbie doll and barbie cloths
Sandra Dee Hammersmith

xxxxx
Dear Santa Clause,
I love you--I want a Kathy Quick Curl, basketball and goal, and Ken doll. I also want a real baby.

love,
Serena Heiskell

p.s. I've been good this week.

xxxxx
Dear Santa
I want a boll (dall). How is rodof (rudolph) My brher is bad. I have a siter is good.

Love
Kim Gruver

xxxxx
Dear Santa,
I am a good boy all of the Time. Would you please bring me a camping backpack with a Tent? My big brothers are good sometimes. Please remember them too.

Love,
Ryan Gass
4 years old

Dear Santa
I want a train and a trampoline. I want a 5 speed bike and a shooting gallery. I want a ghost gun.

I Love you,
Troy Nelson

xxxxx
Dear Santa
I want a organ
I want a bicycl and a baby a live and tender love with a carriage and clothes. I want a talbe set. a jewerly box and t v magic kit and a Big wheel. barbies and roller skates. My sister want inch whom (worm). and a baton and jerwer box. traing bicycle and tender love a carriage and jump rope play stove. My Brother want a fire truck and inch whom a gun, tricycle a cowboy hat a big play horse. a play dog to ride.

Thank you very much Santa
D'Dee Williamson

xxxxx
Dear Santa,
I wood like to have a motercuile, some tools for my motercuile, a dunbugy, a 22 gun, a trampoline, a G.I. Jo, a truck, a scates

Your fraind
Scott Schuster

xxxxx
Dear Santa Claus,
For Christmas I want Weebles with a house and camper with car, McDonalds, Holiday Inn, Baby doll that wets and drinks, Basketball goal, Dusty, Walkie-Talkie telephone set, Barbie clothes, Footsie pajamas, peddle prerty. Record player, bisecl (bicycle

Melissa Steward

xxxxx
Dear Santa
Would you please Bring me A Play pen, The SunShine Family and Their House, Sewmagic, a set of Dishes, Childrens Bible. My Sister Trisha Would Like a Swing Sweet Souds, BABY Tender Love. Kendra My Baby Sister Wants a Soft Dolly My Sisters Can't Write yet, So I wrote for them.

We Love You,
Roxan Tillery



MERRY CHRISTMAS

Santa's coming down the slopes with holiday greetings... direct from us to all of you. Have a merry, cheery Christmas! Jolly thanks loyal patrons!

Leo Scott

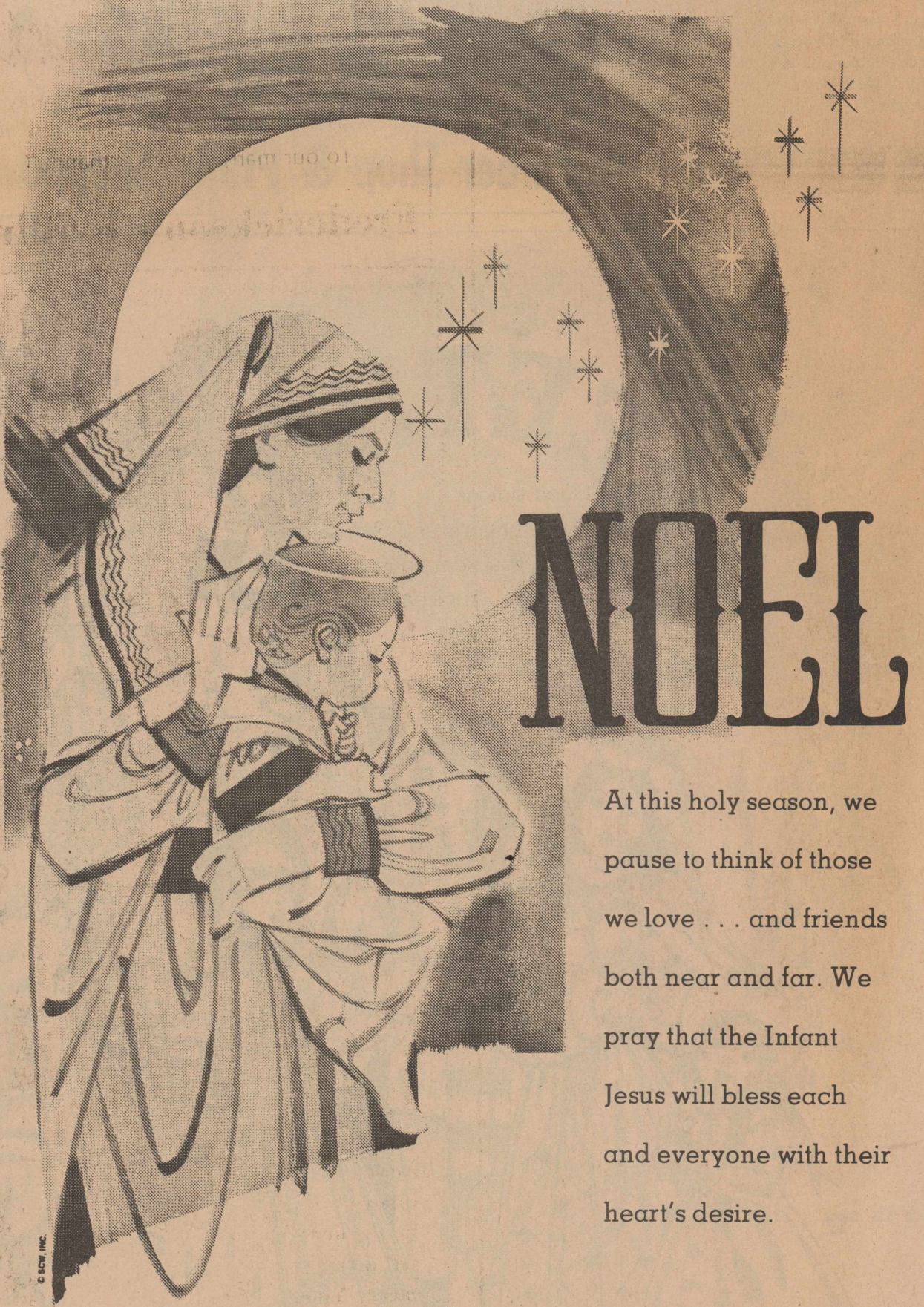
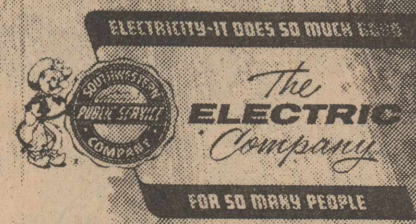
Custom Cabinets Our Specialty

Joy May each of us follow his own star to peace and joy! Thank you all.



Stratford Cablevision

Merry Christmas to you and yours from all of us.



NOEL

At this holy season, we pause to think of those we love... and friends both near and far. We pray that the Infant Jesus will bless each and everyone with their heart's desire.

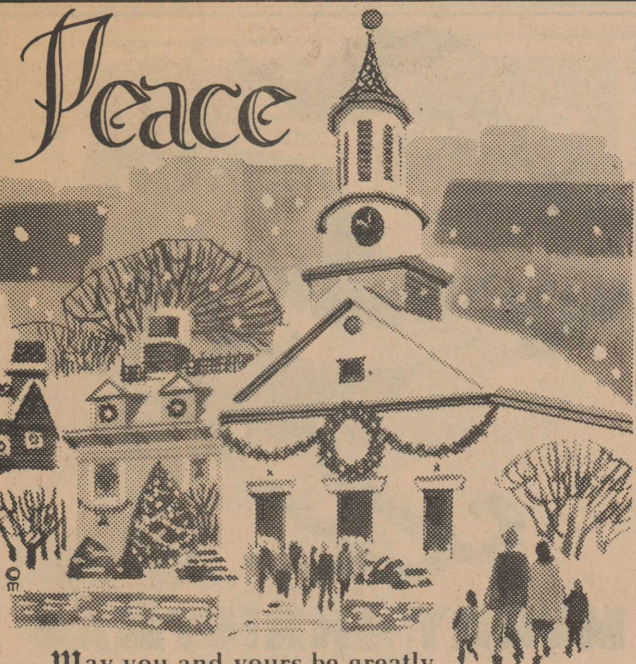
Brown's Meat Locker
The Baskin Browns



star of wonder

May the light of the Christmas star enter your heart and home this season--filling them with lasting joy and peace. To our patrons we would like to express our thanks for the loyalty shown to us.

Foxworth-Galbraith Lumber Co.
Harold Roberts, Mgr.



May you and yours be greatly blessed by the spiritual radiance of Christmas. For your valued patronage we express sincere Yuletide thanks.

Stratford Cleaners
The Boners

LETTERS TO SANTA CLAUS

Dear Santa Claus
How are you? I am fine. What I want for Christmas is: pants, shoes, Barbie's quick clour, The game of Life, and a music box.

Love
Karen Schwertner
p.s. Plese bring the Game of Life.

xxxxx
Dear Santa Claus
My name is Jean Ann Cleavinger. I Live in Dalhart Texan. I am 8 yrs old. Please bring me a trapoline and a doll and a treasure box for grandma and grandpa clothes 36 waist.

xxxxx
Dear Santa Clase,
My I have a baby alive for christmas. And may I have a watch too. I'm in thirrd grand. And when you come I wish I could see you. And rudoff too.
See you christnam
Stacy Green

Dear Santa Claus,
I want A robots That Fight.
My name is Tony Ortiz
xxxxx
Dear: Santa Claus,
My name is Alma Barraza I'm writing to you to tell you what I want for christmas this year. I would like to have a bike this year

I love you Santa Claus
From Alma Barraza

xxxxx
Dear Santa,
My brother and I have been good This Year My brother Carey is 3 years old and I am in the first grade Carey would like a combine, fire Hat and football Hat and a big football and I would like a man Barbie and anything else you would like to bring me.

Thank you
Cammie & Carey McMullen

Dear Santa Clous.
My name is Christy Lancaster. I am in the 2nd grade. I am in Mrs. Futch room. I wood like a baby alive and a Cathy Quick-Curl and a Watch and that is all.

Love
Christy Lancaster

xxxxx
Dear santa,
My name is Steven Lynn Jones. I'm 7 years Old. I want a train set and a truck and a guitire and my bother wants a truck and my sister wants a broom.
I go to Miss Futch's room.
room 1

I Love you Santa
Love Steven Jones

xxxxx
Dear Santa
My name is Dawn Roberts I'm in Miss Futch room I want a Cathy Queu (quick) curl and a Barbie and a Barbie camper and my brother wants some cars and books and some guns and my sister wants some baby close and I love you santa.

love
Dawn Roberts

xxxxx
Dear Santa Claus
I am 8 years old. for Chrismus I want a Cathy Quick and I want Baby Alive and I want a bike

Love
Patricia Trevino

Dear Santa Claus
I am 7 years old. I am in Miss. Futch's 2 grade I have been a good girl. I would like a Baby Alive. Delus Bedding Set. Golden Stroller. The 4 play kitchen Appliance And Non folding Dress Table. I will leave some cookies and milk.

Love
Marik. Engelbrecht

Dear Santa Claus.
I like how far you are. I WANT A REAL HORSE* Barbie's town house, a saddle, pedal pretty. I am in Miss Futch's room, room 1. I will leave some goodies out for you. I wish I saw Redoeff.

I Love
you Nanette Lasley

xxxxx

Dear Santa
I am nine years old.
I am a good girl.
I want a ten speep (speed) and Baby alive

Carla Carranza

xxxxx

Dear Santa
My name is Todd Drake. I am 7 years old.
I want a football suit. I want a cowboy hat. I want cowboy guns. I want a Stev Scout. I am going to save cack and some coffee.

City Stratford, Texas
Phone 396 2467

xxxxx

Dear Santa Claus,
My name is Edward Berry Summerour. I love you. And I am seven years old. I live in Stratford texas. And I am in the second grade. And my Teachers name is Miss Futch. And I like school a whole lot. And I have lots of friends. And I have geen read good. And there are lots in my room. For Christmas I want a Evil-Kneival stunt cycle and a tool set and a Delux rock tumbler and a watch and I will leave a coke on the table for you.

Love
Edward Berry Summerour

xxxxx

Dear Santa Claus
I am Deana McCarver. I love you. Cathy Quick-Curl. kitchen appliance. Baby Alive. Saint Nicholas, a bike, a real horse. I am in Miss Futch class.

Love
Deana McCarver

xxxxx

Dear Santa Claus
My name is Pauline Romero my teacher is Miss futch. I a 7 year's old.
for Chrismus I want a Cathy Quick Curl and a baby Alive and a ring and a bike and a kitchen appliance.

Love
Pauline Romero

xxxxx
Dear Santa,

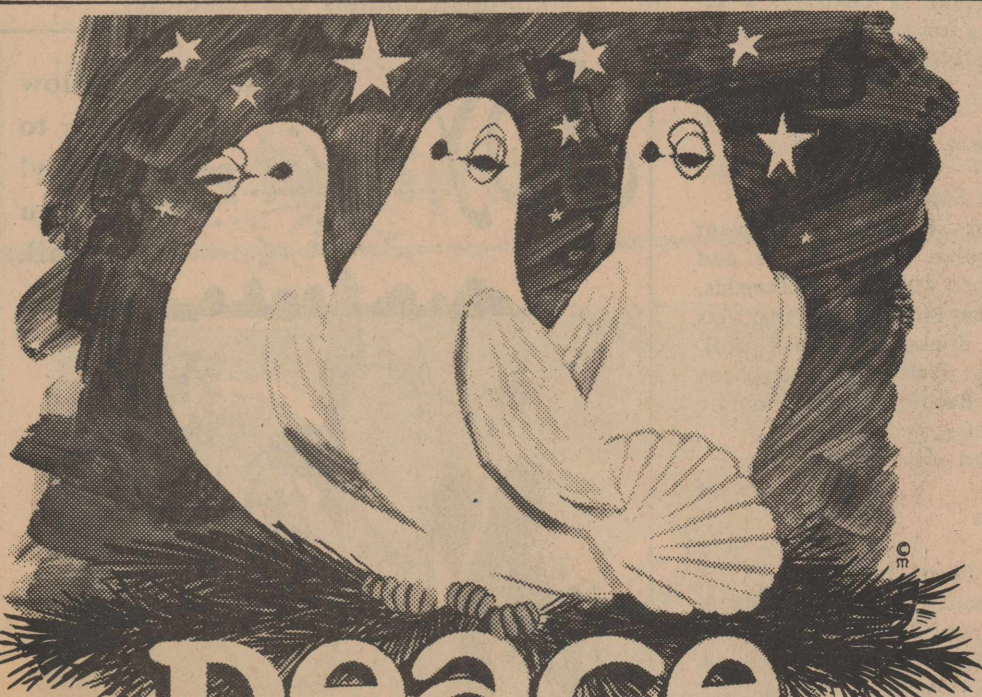
I've been a good boy and I will say my part for Christmas Eve. I would like to have some new toys and some keds for Christmas.

Thank you,
Jack Michael West



We're joining these carolers in their heartfelt refrain: Peace on earth . . . good will toward men. Season's best to all. To all, our special thanks.

Stratford Body Shop
Elbert Williams



peace

Christmas is the time for togetherness. Tenderness. Loving. And the greatest gift of them all — peace. Live it fully this season. Sincere gratitude to our patrons.

Woolsey Appliances
The Woolseys



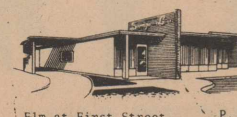
Merry Christmas

May the serenity of Christmas find and keep you content. May every day of this joyful season be filled with joy . . . abundant in peace . . . rich in brotherhood. To all the cherished patrons we serve . . . our warmest gratitude.

Riverside Chemical
Billy Blount, Mgr.



Good tidings . . . make merry, neighbors and friends. We hope the season is happy in every way. Our thanks to all.



NORTH PLAINS SAVINGS AND LOAN ASSOCIATION

Elm at First Street P. O. Box 635 Dial 935-4184 Dumas, Texas 79029
Main at Fourth Street P. O. Box 1163 Dial 396-2376 Stratford, Texas 79084



CHRISTMAS GREETINGS

"For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given . . . and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor...The everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace."

We wish you and all you hold dear a very joyful holiday. May it be graced with health, happiness and peace. Our thanks for the kindness shown to us.

We will close at noon on Christmas Eve

The **FIRST** State Bank of Stratford

MEMBER FEDERAL DEPOSIT INSURANCE CORPORATION

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Stratford, Texas



Peace ... Joy

During this holy holiday, we'd like to wish all our friends a simple, lovely Christmas, filled with warmth and happiness. Our sincere thanks to all.

Alvin's Fina Service

'Christkindli' of Switzerland Reappears at Holy Season

Christmas has a unique significance in the German and French speaking regions of Switzerland because the "Christkindli," or Christ Child, is believed to walk on earth during this season.

Instead of Santa Claus, the "Christkindli," represented as a beautiful, radiant, angel-like being with wings carrying a magic wand and wearing a shining crown, distributes Christmas gifts and Christmas trees glittering with fanciful decorations.

Although the "Christkindli" is commonly believed to personify the Christ-Child, he is sometimes represented as an angel bearing a light or a star just as an angel heralded the birth of Christ at Bethlehem. On the other hand, the "Christkindli" has some of the characteristics of a sprite, as suggested by the wand and the wings, which can be linked to pre-Christian beliefs. Some suggest he may stem from the pagan custom of representing the New Year as a radiant and beautiful child.

Like Santa, the "Christkindli" also arrives in a

sleigh drawn by reindeer, so there would appear to be some intermingling of Christmas legends here.

St. Nicholas is represented in several ways in different parts of Switzerland. In some, he is called Father Christmas and comes with his wife, Lucy (representing St. Lucy whose feast day is December 13) to distribute gifts. He wears the traditional Santa Claus costume, while Lucy wears a round cap over her long braids, a laced bodice and a fancy apron.

In the central part of Switzerland St. Nicholas is represented more realistically in his bishop's regalia complete with mitre and crozier. On St. Nicholas' Day, which falls on December 6th, there is a magnificent parade in which white bearded masqueraders, clothed in long white shirts, carry huge three-foot mitre-shaped lanterns over their heads. These lanterns are perforated in intricate religious designs, similar to church windows, and when the candlelight shines through them, as their bearers execute a stately dance, they are an impressive sight indeed.

In the village of Urnaesch in the Canton of Appenzell, the men and boys go "Santa Clausing." Some wear red Santa Claus costumes with jingling bells while others, dressed and masked as "ladies," wear enormous, elaborate picture hats decorated with panoramas of Alpine scenes. Starting early in the day on New Year's Eve, the group proceeds through the village with an unusual hopscootch gait, stopping at each farm to share their merriment and partake of refreshments. When darkness falls, they all head for the Valley to pursue their New Year revelry.

St. Francis said to have assembled 1st crib scene

Much is made of the Nativity Scene in Christian homes at Christmas-time. Over the centuries worshippers have expressed their devotion by creating the figures of Joseph, the Virgin Mary, the Christ-Child in His rudely fashioned crib, and the beasts of the field which according to legend surrounded the Holy Birth inside the manger.

Great artists have carved the figures from fine woods, sculpted them of precious metal and other materials, which have become treasured works for the world to admire.

St. Francis of Assisi had much to do with our modern Christmas traditions.

For one thing he is said to have assembled, in AD 1224, the first Nativity scene, using live people, live oxen and live donkeys. Franciscan churches still continue to make of this an illuminating seasonal custom.



Holiday Greetings

The Christmas Season always will be a time for the expression of good will and the exchange of friendly greetings. In this spirit of friendship and with genuine appreciation for the pleasant relations we have enjoyed with you, we extend the season's greetings and best wishes.



ALLSUP'S

B & B Grocery

Tip Top Grocery



Once more the message of Christmas shines in men's hearts... "Peace on earth, good will toward men!" Our sincere hope is that this holy season may find a world at peace.

Van Bostons.

Van, Olive, Jack & Gisela

Christmas Trees For Ecology ...

Many people believe that the cutting of trees for Christmas "robs" nature and destroys a portion of our forests each year, but the truth is that nearly three-quarters of such trees are raised specifically to be cut at Christmas-time. Most of the remainder are "thinlings"—young trees cut in forests to improve the growth opportunities for other trees.

Forestry experts and nurserymen point out that young, growing trees give off more oxygen and absorb more carbon dioxide than mature ones, so that the cultivation of Christmas trees actually helps the ecology. In contrast, they say, the manufacture of artificial trees uses up valuable energy and natural resources, which are not recoverable.

After Christmas, discarded trees can be used in various ways to benefit the environment. Even if you live in a city, ecologists suggest, you can help by getting in touch with a local conservation organization or commercial nursery.

Word 'Manger' Has 2 Meanings

The Bible tells us that the newly-born Christ-child was "wrapped in swaddling clothes and laid in a manger," a word derived from the French "mangeoir" or frame to hold animal feed.

It is interesting that the other common English word for a cattle-feeder, crib, which is derived from the German krippe, also means a baby's bed.

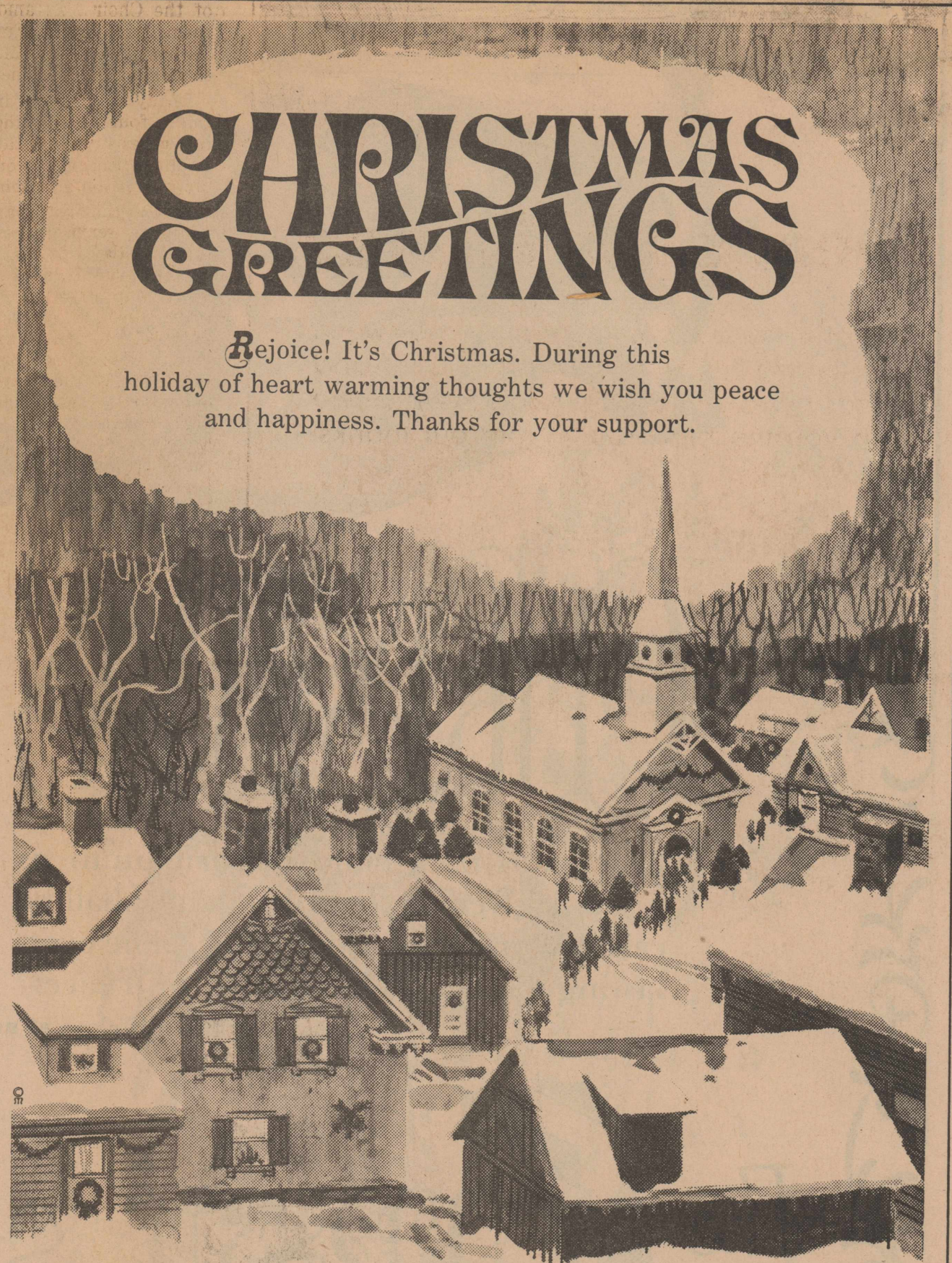
Even the French word crèche, which is often used to describe the nativity scene displayed in churches, homes, and other places at Christmas-time, has the double meaning of "mangeoir" and a public shelter for the care of infants.

Merry Christmas

It's Yuletide Season ... here's a hearty wish for the best holiday ever! Fill it with good times, high spirits, and lots of friends. It's been our pleasure to serve you. Have a happy!

Morrison Funeral Directors

Stratford - Dumas



CHRISTMAS GREETINGS

Rejoice! It's Christmas. During this holiday of heart warming thoughts we wish you peace and happiness. Thanks for your support.

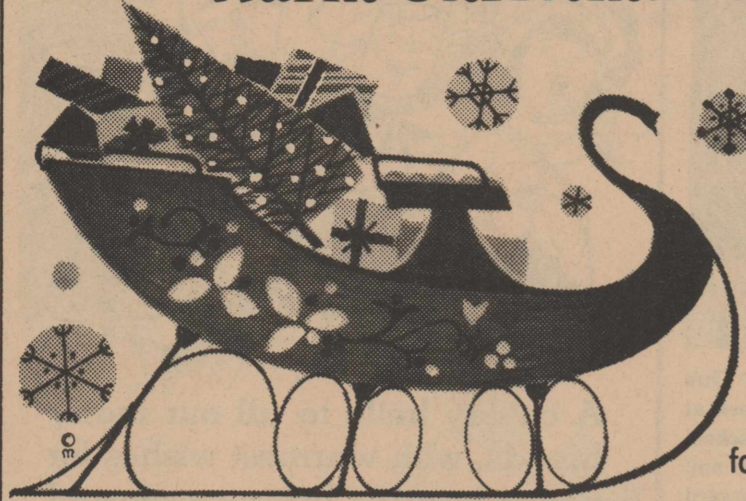
DAIRY QUEEN

FERN GUPTON, MGR



HELP! HELP! HELP!--Strat-pair of shoes for a girl at
ford Lions ask your help this Girlstown with a donation of \$60
Christmas for Girlstown USA. for each girl. Send your
Help purchase a new coat and a contribution to GIRLSTOWN,
USA, PO BOX 67, AMARILLO,
TEX 79105
XXXXX

Warm Christmas Wishes



A sleigh full of cheery wishes is coming your way! Have a very merry Christmas Day! Our gratitude for your support.

ULYSSES IRRIGATION PIPE
R.J. Hill
Stratford Representative



Merry Christmas

It's that warm and cozy Holiday Season when families share with their neighbors and friends happy times and good feelings. We wish you the best, along with our thanks.

Stratford Dept. Store
The Jeffcoats



CAN YOU SEE THE GHOSTS OF CHRISTMAS PAST—Ready to open Secret Pal gifts are new members Anna Dretske, left, Neola Travis, Donnie Hutcheson as Pat Boren, hostess, starts to hand out the gifts. The pals were revealed Saturday night and names for 1975 were drawn. The group has been active for about 20 years.



famous Austrian boys' choir evokes Christmas memories

Many Americans have listened with pleasure to the Vienna Boys' Choir, which makes appearances as a cherished and regular part of the Christmas season. But few realize that this choir has a history steeped in tradition . . . in fact, it dates back to over four and a half centuries to Columbus' time.

In 1498 Emperor Maximilian I of the Hapsburgs dynasty ordered a court aide to arrange for a singing group to perform in the Court Chapel in Vienna. The boys were carefully selected and made wards of the state which assumed responsibility for their education as well as room and board.

As boys, several famous musicians were members of the Choir . . . among them, Josef Haydn, Franz Schubert, Beethoven, Mozart, Liszt and Bruckner.

Today the Choir includes four separate singing groups which rotate on the concert circuit, one always remaining at home to sing at the Court Chapel where service is performed today as it was in the Emperor Maximilian's time. The different choirs travel all over the world; naturally, boys are anxious to join, but less than ten percent of those who apply can meet the Choir's rigid standards. Age groups are in the 7-15 range, involving the usual boys' high jinks, but when they sing, they are said to rival the angels. This is due to the uncompromising discipline of their musicianship, and rules of deportment. Within the sphere of their perform-

ances they are true professionals with an artistry which the whole world enjoys.

Yule Cheer

Heap on more wood! — the wind is chill;
But let it whistle as it will,
We'll keep our Christmas merry still.
— Sir Walter Scott (1771-1832)



Merry Christmas

The spirit of the season is all around. May you, and those close to you, enjoy all the warmth and good feelings that go with this holiday. We're grateful for your loyalty.

Buster's Boot Shop
Buster Whitlock

'Kohoutek' Comet Put on Show at Christmas '73

During early to mid-January there was much excitement and anticipation over the expected appearance of the comet Kohoutek.

It was dubbed "the Christmas Comet" and was expected to be most visible to the naked eye on January 14, at twilight.

Alas! The spectacular comet fizzled. It went into a decline, as far as earthlings are concerned. True, many thousands viewed its pulsing splendor through powerful lenses at observatories, but the common man on his own back porch was acutely disappointed that he couldn't look over to the southwest skies and see this phenomenon.

The comment occasioned by the heralded appearance of the comet caused many people to wonder if the star of Bethlehem was also a comet.

The discoverer of the comet is Lubos Kohoutek of the Hamburg Observatory who observed it when it was near the orbit of Jupiter, 350 million miles from earth.

As we go to press, the most authoritative sources say that Kohoutek has lost its tail, too.

On the evening of January 14, looking through one of the world's most sophisticated telescopes, the comet was a great round shimmering glob of glow, surrounded, as it were, by myriads of tiny winking diamonds.

Spectacular, certainly, even if it did not "live up to its notices".

Candles

Christmas candles are left burning in windows in many countries to light the Christ Child on his way, and to draw friendly travelers in for rest and refreshment. But to make sure that no undesirable or evil visitors come in, a candle can be left burning on the hearth with salt sprinkled thickly around.



Merry Christmas

We hope you experience all the joy and warmth that goes with this Christmas season. Our gratitude for your friendship and trust.

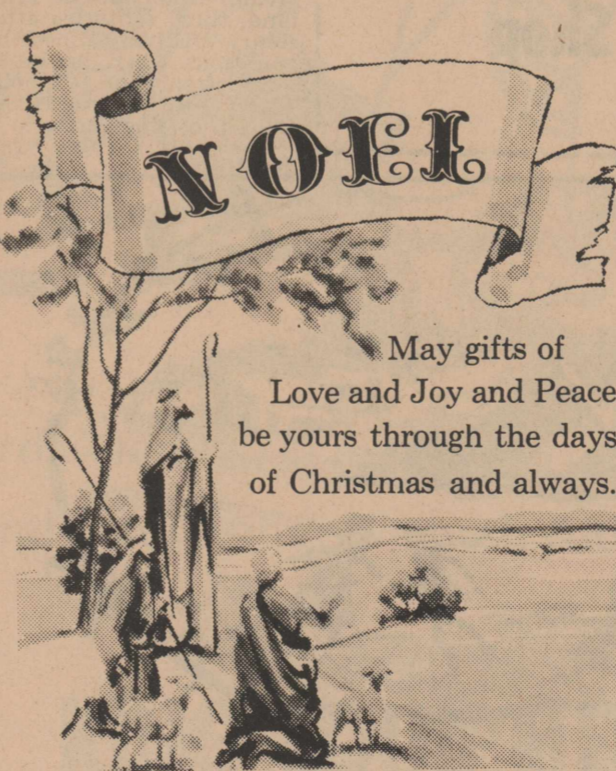
C & C Texaco Products
Darrell Cooney, Mgr.

Joyous Christmas

May your holiday be filled with peace and serenity: the quiet contentment which comes from within. Our special thanks to the patrons we serve for putting their trust in us.



Plunk 66 Oil Co
C.C. (Pinky) Plunk



May gifts of Love and Joy and Peace be yours through the days of Christmas and always.

Beaver's Fertilizer & Seed
Beaver Hamilton



Christmas Greetings

Let your spirits ride high this season with good tidings, warm hearts, and happy trails. And to all our kind patrons goes our sincere gratitude.

Headquarters Restaurant

A Lasting Christmas by Garnett Ann Schultz

I keep a part of Christmas
For it helps to add a glow.
To the January darkness
And the February snow.
If March is cold and blustery
And though April brings us rain,
The peace and warmth of Christmas
With its happiness remain...

There's a beauty when it's Christmas
All the world is different then,
There's no place for petty hatred
In the hearts and minds of men.
That is why my heart is happy
And my mind can hold a dream,
For I keep a part of Christmas
With its peace and joy supreme.



Joy

TO ALL

We're ringing in with the best of wishes to one and all...may your holidays be happy, healthy and prosperous!

BUCKLE & BOW

N. Main in Stratford

MERRY CHRISTMAS



May we take this time to send you all our brightest greetings for the Yuletide season, and our sincere thanks for your kind support.

C & E Paint & Body Shop

Clyde Pittman

Tips to Make Yule Brighter

The Christmas card made from a photograph of children or family group is highly popular as a means of bringing a sense of togetherness to relatives and friends when geographical separation makes the real thing impossible.

The best time for such pictures, naturally, is when presents are being opened and the family group is together, sharing and showing their joy in Christmas surprises.

A good second opportunity may be found when the family is gathered at the table for Christmas dinner. Other possibilities include "stockings hung by the chimney with care" and children playing, indoors or out, with new gifts.

Whatever subject you choose, better do it today—tomorrow may be too late to capture the best "shots" to share with others.

In most cases, Christmas cards become waste paper. Before you consign this year's cards to the trash can, consider removing personal messages from them and turning them over to a church or other group whose members devote their time to creating attractive scrap-books with the cards.

Many beautiful and colorful cards, carefully selected and arranged in these inexpensive and easy-to-make scrap-books, provide hours of enjoyment to older people and others whose activity is curtailed for one reason or another.

You might enjoy making a scrap-book for yourself. Whatever the case, the second life given these Christmas and greeting cards can be rewarding and useful.

Christmas novelties, glass ornaments and tinsel decorations, from America and abroad, will enjoy great popularity during the 1974 Yuletide season.

People are celebrating with more non-electrical decorations, such as ornaments made from household items, glass decor which reflects the usual home lighting, and candles, homemade or bought.

The trend represents a return to home living, a more provincial way of life. This resurgence of a country-type lifestyle and family togetherness becomes most obvious during the holidays.

HELP! HELP! HELP!—Stratford Lions ask your help this Christmas for Girlstown USA. Help purchase a new coat and a pair of shoes for a girl at Girlstown with a donation of \$60 for each girl. Send your contribution to GIRLTOWN, USA, PO BOX 67, AMARILLO, TEX 79105.

POPE'S YULE INSTRUCTIONS

Pope Gregory I in his instructions to missionaries on Christmas festivities sent out from Rome in the year 601: "The people should celebrate a religious feast and worship God by their feasting so that still keeping outward pleasures, they may more readily receive spiritual joys."

ST. NICK RESTORED

When Queen Victoria married German Prince Albert, Christmas visits of St. Nicholas (and the gift-giving) came back to England, three centuries after Henry VIII had banned the traditions when he broke away from the Catholic faith and formed the Church of England.



AMARILLO GROUP ENTERTAINS—Stratford Music Club was entertained by these Barber Shop Amarelloians last week at their Christmas Buffet. Husbands, ministers and wives, school music directors were special guests. Left to right, Yvonne and J.O. Koontz, Ann and Bob Duncan, Jennifer George, Howard Lauder, Mary Alice and Dwight Elliott. The event was held in the Ronald Engelbrecht home.

Italian Foods at Christmas Vary According to Regions

Feasting is an integral part of the Christmas celebration, symbolizing not only rejoicing at the coming of Christ but, also, the spirit of sharing and brotherly love which is characteristic of the season. Like so many other aspects of Christmas, it is a blend of Christian and pre-Christian traditions, strongly influenced by local customs.

In Italy the dishes of the Christmas feast vary widely depending on the region. In the north, for example, the meal may begin with cappelletti ("little hats") stuffed with meat or tortellini, a sort of ravioli, followed by a main dish of meat, which may be anything from roast turkey with chestnut stuffing to zampone, a pork sausage packed in a pig's leg smothered with lentils.

In the area around Rome, the traditional dish of Christmas Eve is "capitone," a large female eel, roasted, baked, or fried, following a religious tradition which prescribes a meatless dinner on Christmas Eve, the Vigilia, or Christmas vigil. In accordance with this tradition, the Roman fish market, held the night of December 23rd, is a peculiar feature of the Christmas observance.

In the south of Italy, the feasting usually begins with macaroni with meat and tomato sauce, followed by chicken or meat in jelly.

Particularly characteristic of Christmas feasting in all regions are sweets: fruitcakes of various types (panettone) and other sweets in which nuts and honey figure prominently.

The Christmas season coincides with the lengthening day and the beginning of the New Year, and from ancient times nuts have been a symbol of fertility and a promise of the next year's harvest, also representing hope for increase in herds and flocks, and the family, as well. The use of honey, the most common sweetener in ancient Rome, was a traditional way of conveying the wish that the new year might be as sweet as the gift.



A cheery hello to all our many friends, with warmest wishes for a very happy Christmas season!

Queen O Creme

The Arnolds



A time of joy, a time of peace... we hope you and yours are blessed with the warmth and happiness that are so abundant throughout this holy season. Thanks.

Stratford Welding Shop

O Come Let Us Adore Him
Olson
Automotive & Supply

A MERRY CHRISTMAS

On this Yuletide, we wish for you and yours an abundance of Christmas cheer, topped off with an extra helping of peace and love. Thanks, all.

B & W Feed & Mineral

GREETINGS

We're wishing all our neighbors and friends the best that Christmas has to offer, and much more. Many thanks for your loyal, continued patronage.

Duncan Chevrolet
The Leonard Duncans

Christmas Greetings

It's all around — that Christmas feeling! May it fill your holiday with warmth, joy and loving thoughts. We hope you enjoy this time to the fullest. Thanks, friends.

Elk Pharmacy the Hammons



Merrie Christmastide

Hear ye! Hear ye! 'Tis our wish that this holiday be a bell ringer in the spirit of Christmases past. Glad tidings, and thanks!

Stratford Auto Electric
John McAlister, Mgr.



COMPLETE CAKE DECORATION COURSE--Mrs. Betty Henry, right, and Mrs. Inez Britten, left, who cook for the Mary Allen Elementary School Cafeteria, recently completed a Commercial Cake Decoration Short Course in Borger's Frank Phillips College. The 30-hour course included all phases of cake decoration and the ladies are shown above with some samples of what they learned.



Joyous Noel

May the season bring you and yours every happiness. Merry Christmas to all!

Smith Insurance Agency
B.L. (Chuck) Smith

Many Faiths Converge On Modern Bethlehem, Observe Christ's Birth

It is customary in the United States to celebrate the birth of Jesus on December 25th, the date observed by the Roman Catholic Church and most Protestant denominations, but not all Christian faiths adhere to that date.

In Bethlehem, Christ's birthplace, the Roman celebration begins on Christmas Eve, December 24th, highlighted by the traditional Midnight Mass, and continues on Christmas Day. The Greek Orthodox Church, however, observes January 7 as Christmas Day, marking the occasion with similar ceremonies. January 18th and 19th are the dates for the observance in the Armenian Church.

The three faiths have their own churches and chapels within the Basilica of the Nativity in Bethlehem and each observes Christmas on its own day with services in the Grotto of the Nativity at the exact spot where, it is believed, Jesus was born.

The separate observances are bolstered by a long history which ecumenism may find it difficult to erase. For centuries the Churches disputed possession of the sanctuary, originally built by the Roman Emperor Constantine in 330, and precedence in worshipping there. The Greek Catholics took possession of the building in 1672. The Roman Catholics have shared it since the mid-19th century with the Greeks. Armenians have their own chapel and monastery in this city of about 25,000 population.

Since the different observances all involve numbers of celebrants, processions, traffic control, and other civic problems, the authorities of Bethlehem and the surrounding area would be just as happy if Christmas were celebrated universally on one day, but it is unlikely that such unanimity will be achieved soon in the face of the Churches' different traditions.



CHRISTMAS GREETINGS

May you and yours be blessed with the love and tranquility that abound throughout this glorious season. We wish for you a happy holiday. Thanks so much for your support.

TOC Motor Co.
Alex Coats, Mgr



CIMARRON FEEDERS HAVE SUPPER at Kerrick Community on Dec. 12. Pictured here following the meal are stockholders Mr. and Mrs. Dale Oyler, Griggs, left, Mr. and Mrs. L.J. Stafford, Keyes, and Manager Bill Gillenwaters.



GREETINGS

We want to join Frosty and wish all our friends the merriest holiday ever! Thank you for everything!

PSP

PSP CENTER
STRATFORD, TEXAS



Holiday Greetings

To our many wonderful friends and patrons, sincere best wishes for the holidays and a "Thank you!" for your patronage!

A & I PARTS CENTER
Bill Blain, Mgr.



Christmas joy

Let us take a moment to wish you and yours all the happiness and good cheer that this Yuletide season brings. We appreciate your friendship and generous support.

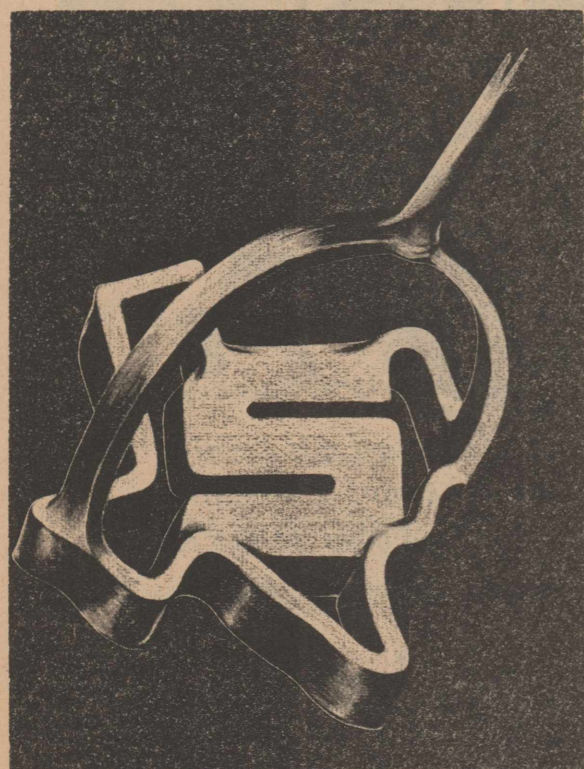
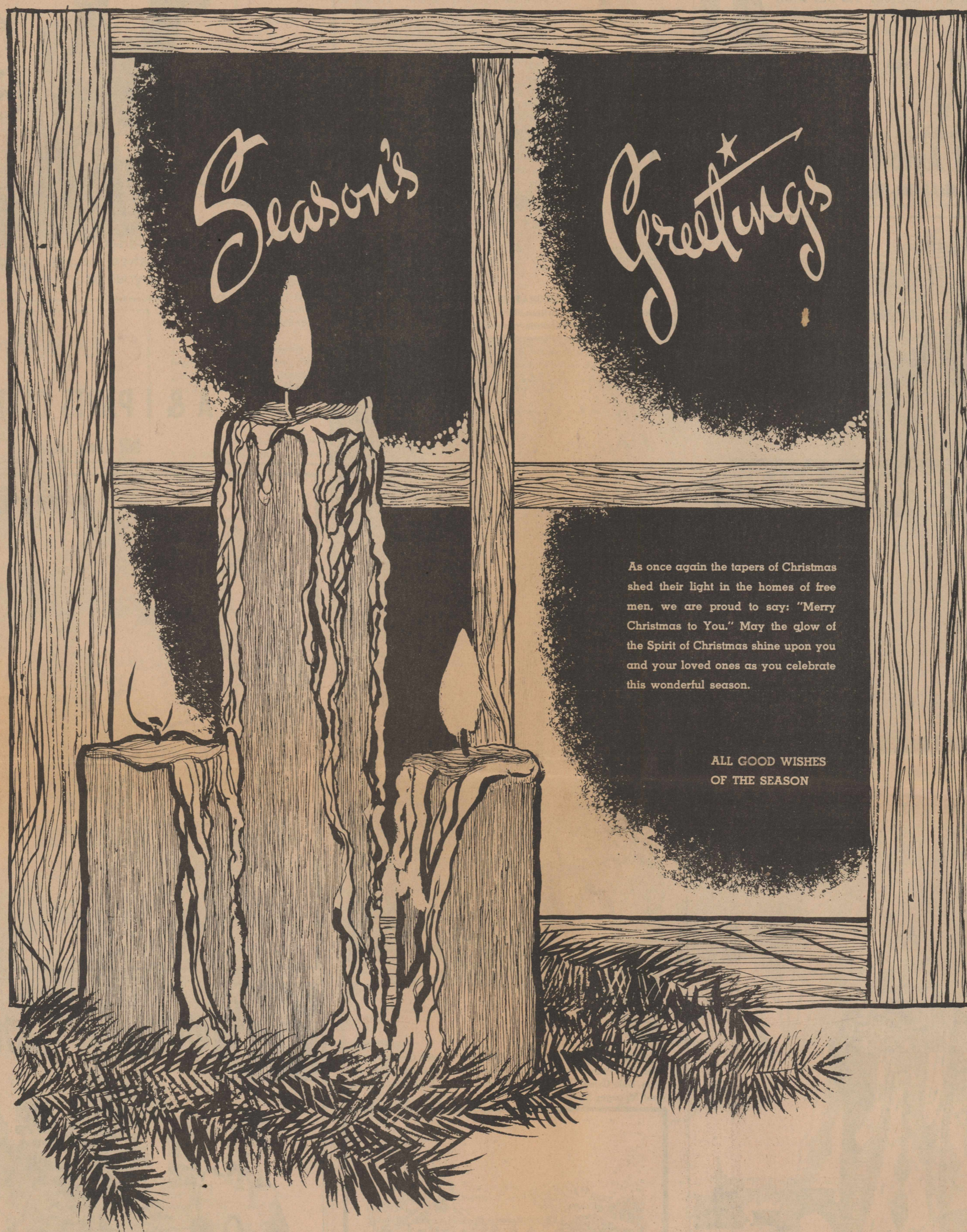
Oakley's FLORAL & NURSERY



Merry Christmas

Gather 'round the tree for song . . . laughter. Rekindle friendships . . . extend good tidings to all. To our loyal patrons greetings and thanks.

Golden Spread Imp. Co.
Ed Smith



STRATFORD OF TEXAS, INC.
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Phone 806-396-5507

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